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## Nazis Gloat Over Tientsin

Berlin, Yesterday.  
BRITAIN'S difficulties at Tientsin continue to be received in Berlin with undisguised satisfaction.

The "National Zeitung," Field-Marshal Goering's newspaper, proclaims that "the encirclement have been encircled."

The newspaper says that "while the British were trying to encircle Germany and Italy with the assistance of the Bolsheviks, they now find themselves encircled by the Japanese in one of the spheres of interest described by themselves as important."

### KEY POINT

The official Nazi news agency claims to have learnt from "high authoritative circles in London and independent sources in London and Moscow," that the Far East is the key point of the British and French negotiations with Moscow.

The agency declares that the Soviet negotiators demand a binding British assurance in the event of the Soviet coming into contact with Japan in the course of fulfilment of its assistance obligations, besides a binding British declaration of support in case of conflict with Japan. — Reuter.

## Sullen And Restless Czechs

London, Yesterday.

Commenting on the uneasiness that exists in Bohemia and Moravia, where latest reports state that all sporting events except horse racing have now been forbidden until the end of the month, "The Times," in a leading article, says that enough news of unimpeachable authenticity reaches Western Europe to prove that the Protectorate authorities are uneasy and the population sullen, restless and discontented.

After reviewing these well-authenticated reports, it proceeds: "The Gestapo rules the land. It was probably not the intention of the German authorities to dominate a high-spirited foreign population by Nazi methods."

"Much of the responsibility for the oppressive measures, which both answer and stimulate manifestations of stubborn nationalism, rests with the Sudeten Germans, now supreme among a people who were their masters during the twenty years that followed the war." — British Wireless.

## WILL THEY TELL THE TRUTH?

Paris, Yesterday.

The French Government intends to publish a Blue Book on the Munich conversations of last September.

The chairman of the Senate's foreign affairs committee, M. Henri Berenger, has communicated to the committee documents on the Munich conversations which were placed at his disposal by the Foreign Minister, and which will be compiled in the Blue Book. — Trans-Ocean.

# JAPANESE SENTRY MURDERS FOREIGNER

## Cold-Blooded Slaying On British Border

## GRATUITOUS SNUB BY JAP. COMMANDER

TIENTSIN YESTERDAY.  
THE COLD-BLOODED MURDER BY A JAPANESE SENTRY OF A FOREIGNER AS THE LATTER WAS ENTERING THE BRITISH CONCESSION THIS MORNING, HAS HORRIFIED A POPULATION TO WHOSE ALREADY TAUT NERVES HAS NOW BEEN ADDED THE FURTHER STRAIN OF BEING SHOT AT WITHOUT PROVOCATION BY OVERBEARING JAPANESE SOLDIERY.

This morning's incident was all the more shocking as the victim, a Russian, had not offered any provocation to the sentry, who callously shot the man down from behind.

British Tommies of the Durham Light Infantry and British members of the Concession police were forced to stand by helpless as the Japanese sentry fired two shots from his rifle into the Russian.

A British eye-witness of the incident said later that the Russian had offered his credentials, which were fully in order, to the Japanese sentry at the barricade near the Country Club, and was passing on through the barricade into the Concession when the sentry fired.

Meanwhile, as if to set the seal on the many indignities to which Britons have been subjected, the Japanese army and navy commanders in Tientsin have officially snubbed the British authorities.

The Japanese army chief stated to-day that the British Concession authorities had sought an interview with him but he had rejected all approaches.

Reason, as given by the Japanese O.C., was that he "saw no use in the proposed interview, now that things have come to such a pass."

"SETTLEMENT DIFFICULT" — The situation, he added, had developed into a full protest against Britain's pro-Chiang Kai-shek policy, and was no longer a local issue.

Settlement would be difficult unless Britain abandoned this policy.

An economic blockade of Japan, he concluded, would be impossible without the participation of the United States, "which is extremely problematical."

The military commander's statement was repeated by the

naval commander at a press conference. — Our Own Correspondent and Reuter.

### NO REPLY YET

London, Yesterday.

The situation at Tientsin on the fourth day of the blockade to-day remained unchanged. No reply from the Japanese to the British protest against the stopping of vessels on the river has been received.

A Russian citizen is reported to have been shot dead at a barricade by a Japanese sentry this morning.

### LONDON CONCERN

Reports from Tokyo that semi-official support is given to these claims has increased the concern felt, particularly in view of the fact that the interests of other European Powers and those of the United States would obviously be affected if they were pressed.

Members of the foreign policy committee of the Cabinet and other leading members are remaining within easy reach of London during the week-end should any development arise. — British Wireless.

## Greece Fortifying Her Italian Frontier

London, Yesterday.

Greece is taking no chances following the increases in the Italian armed forces in Albania, which have caused alarm both in Athens and in Yugo-Slavia.

Setting aside an earlier decision to keep Italy good humour by refraining from the construction of fortifications along the Albanian border, Greece has established several miles of "semi-permanent" positions at all points where the mountainous nature of the terrain does not afford enough natural protection.

Although many of the new positions were constructed under the very eyes of Italian frontier guards, no protest from Rome has yet reached Athens.

The reason for this apparent indifference is found in the fact that the Greeks are only following the Italian example. — Our Own Correspondent.



SUBMARINE SURVIVOR DIRECTS RESCUE OPERATIONS. Captain H. P. K. Oram, one of the four men who escaped from the submarine Thetis played an important part in directing the Thetis salvage operations from the salvage vessel Vigilant. Photo shows Captain Oram (centre in light mac) on board the Vigilant. (By Air Mail.)

## AXIS SAILORS GET TOGETHER

Berlin, Yesterday.

It is officially announced to-day that Grand Admiral Raeder will meet Signor Cavagnari, Chief of the Italian Ministry of Marine, at Friedrichshafen on Tuesday to discuss all problems concerning co-operation between the German and Italian navies. — Reuter.

## Combined Axis Ship Services

ROME, YESTERDAY.

PLANS ARE BEING PREPARED FOR VERY CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE ITALIAN, GERMAN AND JAPANESE MERCHANT MARINE, AND FOR COMBINED STEAMSHIP SERVICES.

A total of 75,000 tons of German merchantmen has been assigned to Trieste to carry cereals and other foodstuffs from the Black Sea and the East to Trieste for trans-shipment to Austria and former Czechoslovakia.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha, in co-operation with the Lloyd Triestino, has decided to include Adriatic ports in its Japan-North Europe service. — Reuter.

## ANTI-NAZI DECREE IN BUDAPEST

Budapest, Yesterday.

The city is buzzing with excitement as a result of an anti-Nazi decree issued to-day by the Hungarian Minister of Home Affairs. The headquarters of the Nazi movement here is to be disbanded, according to the decree, reported by because of strong rumours of an impending series of disturbances. — Reuter.

## BERLIN WARNS RUMANIA AGAINST ENTERING ANGLO-TURKISH BLOC

Berlin, Yesterday.

Reports of a forthcoming Turco-Rumanian military agreement, which will bind the two countries more closely together and draw Rumania more firmly into the Anglo-Franco-Turkish bloc, have elicited a note of warning from Nazi political circles.

Berlin says that if Rumania concludes a military pact with Turkey, "it will bring the neutrality of the Balkan Entente to an end."

"Accusations of 'encirclement,' says that Italy will be hurled against King Carol, while the 'Deutsche Allgemeine'

## Cabinet Ministers In Touch

London, Yesterday.

CABINET Ministers who are spending the week-end away are keeping in close touch with the Foreign Office in case the Tientsin situation should grow worse.

Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, who spent the day in his Yorkshire home, is returning to London this evening.

If Japan persists in her demands, the British Government may have to take steps in retaliation.

Reliable circles here report that Britain's retaliation might take the form of removing Japan from the "most favoured nation" clause of the Anglo-Japanese agreement; not allowing Japanese goods to enter the Crown Colonies; or imposing a heavy tariff on all Japanese goods. — Reuter.

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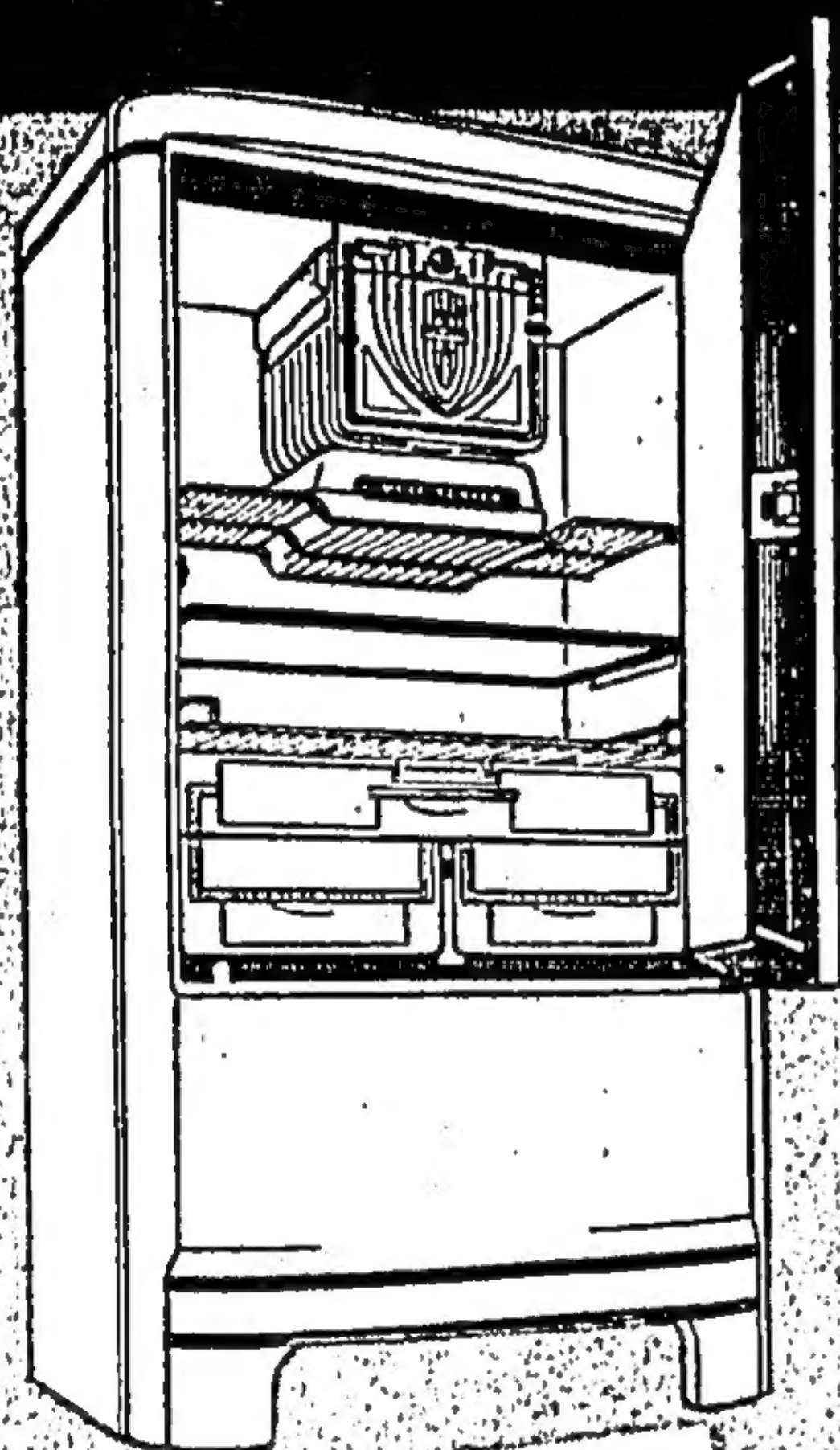
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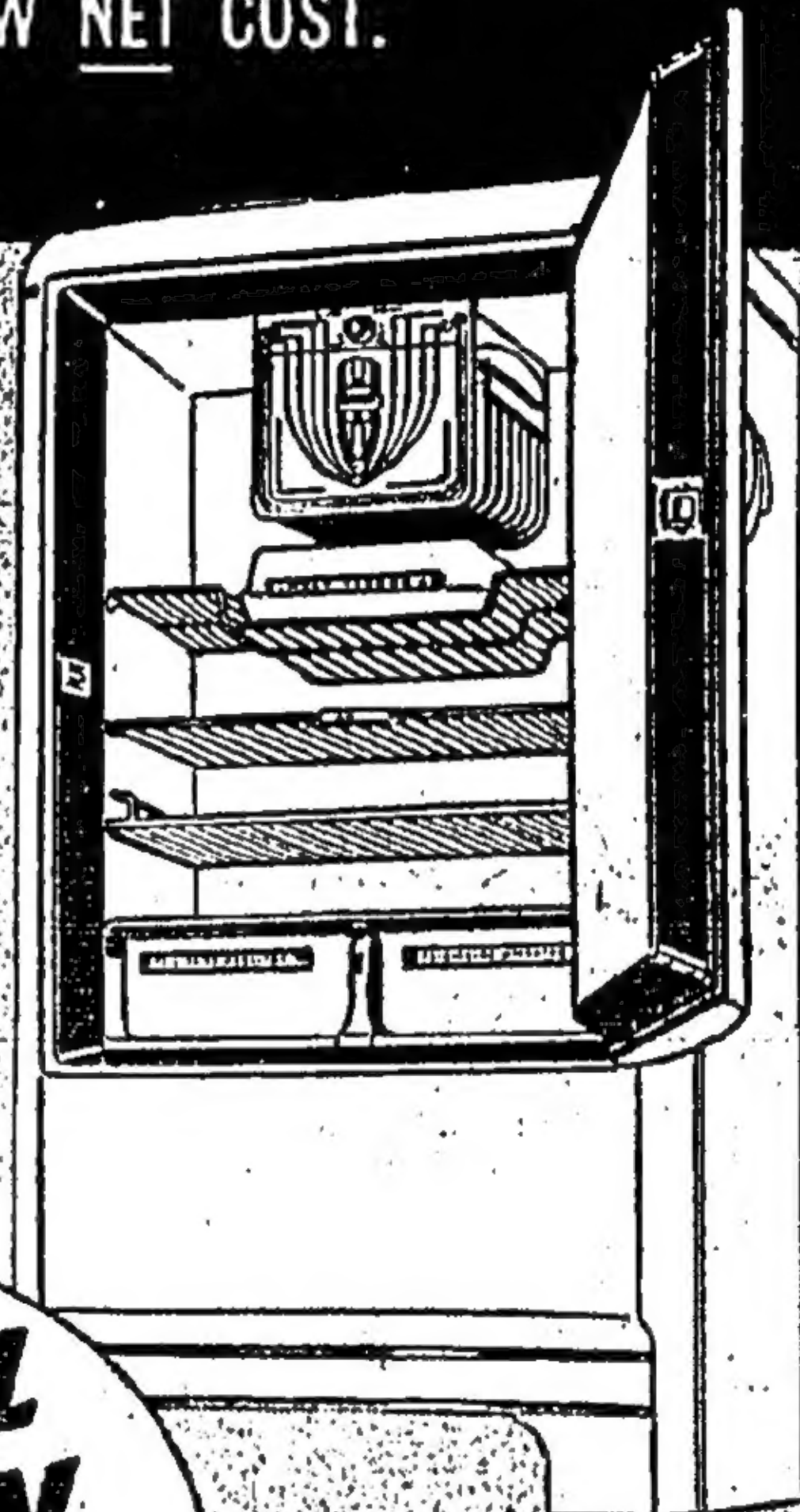
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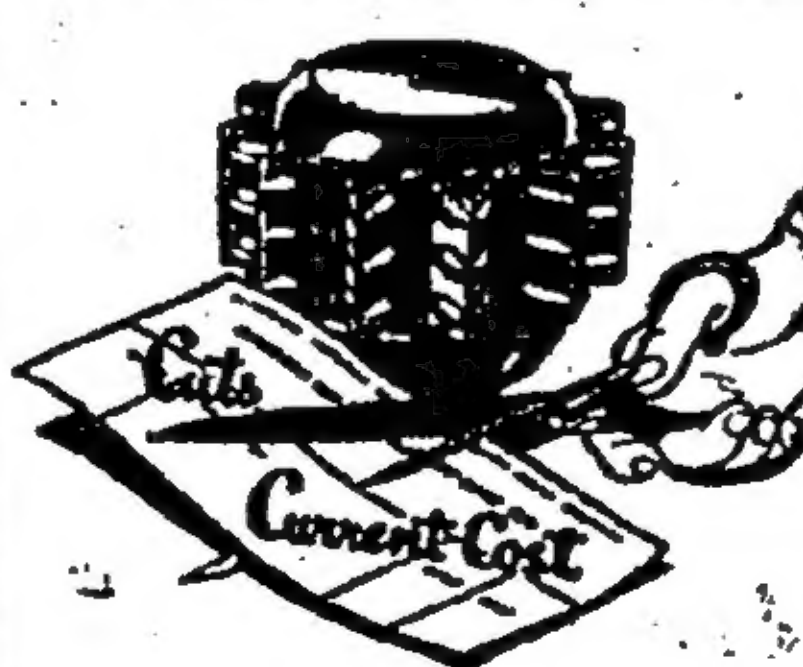
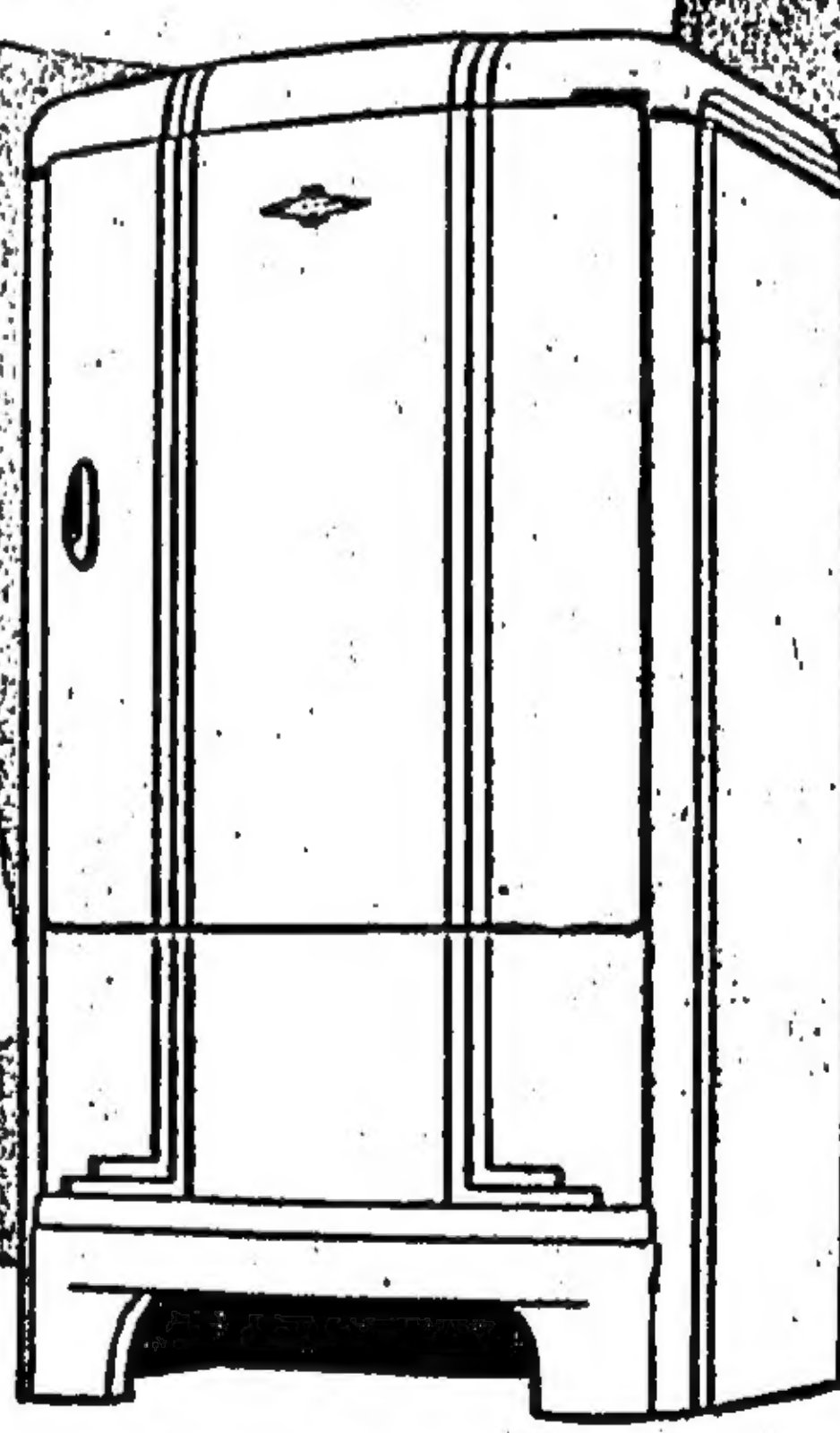
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# OIL PATCH MARKS GRAVE OF FRENCH SUBMARINE

All Hope Abandoned For 63 Members Of The Crew

## Disaster Remains Complete Mystery To Experts

All hope has now been abandoned for the 63 members of the crew (including four officers) on board the 1,384-ton French submarine Phenix, which failed to come to the surface after diving in Camranh Bay, French Indo-China, on Thursday.

It is now obvious that the crew perished to a man when the submarine hit bottom at 300 feet. The French Navy has been stunned by the disaster, which came at a moment when Paris was preparing effective precautions to avert calamities of this kind.

Immediately after the Thetis tragedy the French Admiralty placed orders with American firms for four diving bells which rendered such good service in the case of the "Squalus." News of the disaster (says Trans-Ocean from Paris) spread like wildfire through the French capital.

**HEAVY ARMAMENT**  
The Phenix belongs to a group of four first-class submarines of the Roquebart type, on which construction was begun in 1929 and which were launched in 1931.

She had a speed of 18 knots surfaced and 10 knots submerged, with a radius of 8,000 miles. She was 92 metres long, 8.2 metres wide and 4.7 metres deep, and carried 10 torpedo-tubes, one gun, one anti-aircraft gun and a machine-gun.

The disaster has caused deep grief to every Frenchman (says Trans-Ocean), and President Lebrun has cancelled all official engagements, including a luncheon to the Sultan of Morocco.

**COMPLETE MYSTERY**  
Cause of the disaster is a complete mystery and will probably never be cleared up. French naval experts are at a loss to understand how the accident could have occurred.

Unlike the Squalus or the Thetis, the Phenix was not on a trial cruise but was commissioned seven years ago.

It was of a type of which 30 units had been constructed, all of which had proved absolutely reliable.

## OIL MARKS THE SPOT

An official announcement by the French Admiralty (says Reuter) admits that hope has been abandoned.

The statement reveals that at the time of her disappearance, the Phenix, with another submarine,

the Espoir, was carrying out a diving attack on the cruiser Lamotte Picquet in fine weather. Both submarines carried out an attack on the sloop Savorgnan de Brazza in excellent conditions in the same locality on Wednesday.

Patches of oil are lying on the surface in the position where the Phenix disappeared.

**INQUIRY COMMISSION**  
The Vice-Admiral commanding the French forces in the Far East has appointed a commission of inquiry to try to discover the circumstances "of this catastrophe, the causes of which remain at the moment completely unknown."

In the meantime the search is continuing ceaselessly. Reuter's Saigon correspondent says that all warships on the Indo-China station flew their colours at half-mast to-day.

The Phenix is lying in 300 feet of water six miles off the coast outside Camranh Bay, which is the new French naval base.

News of the tragedy was kept secret in Saigon yesterday, but it is now stated that the Phenix left on Tuesday with other units of the fleet and a number of planes on extended exercises.

**HONG KONG VISIT**  
Some of the units, including the Phenix, were due to cruise to Manila and Hong Kong.

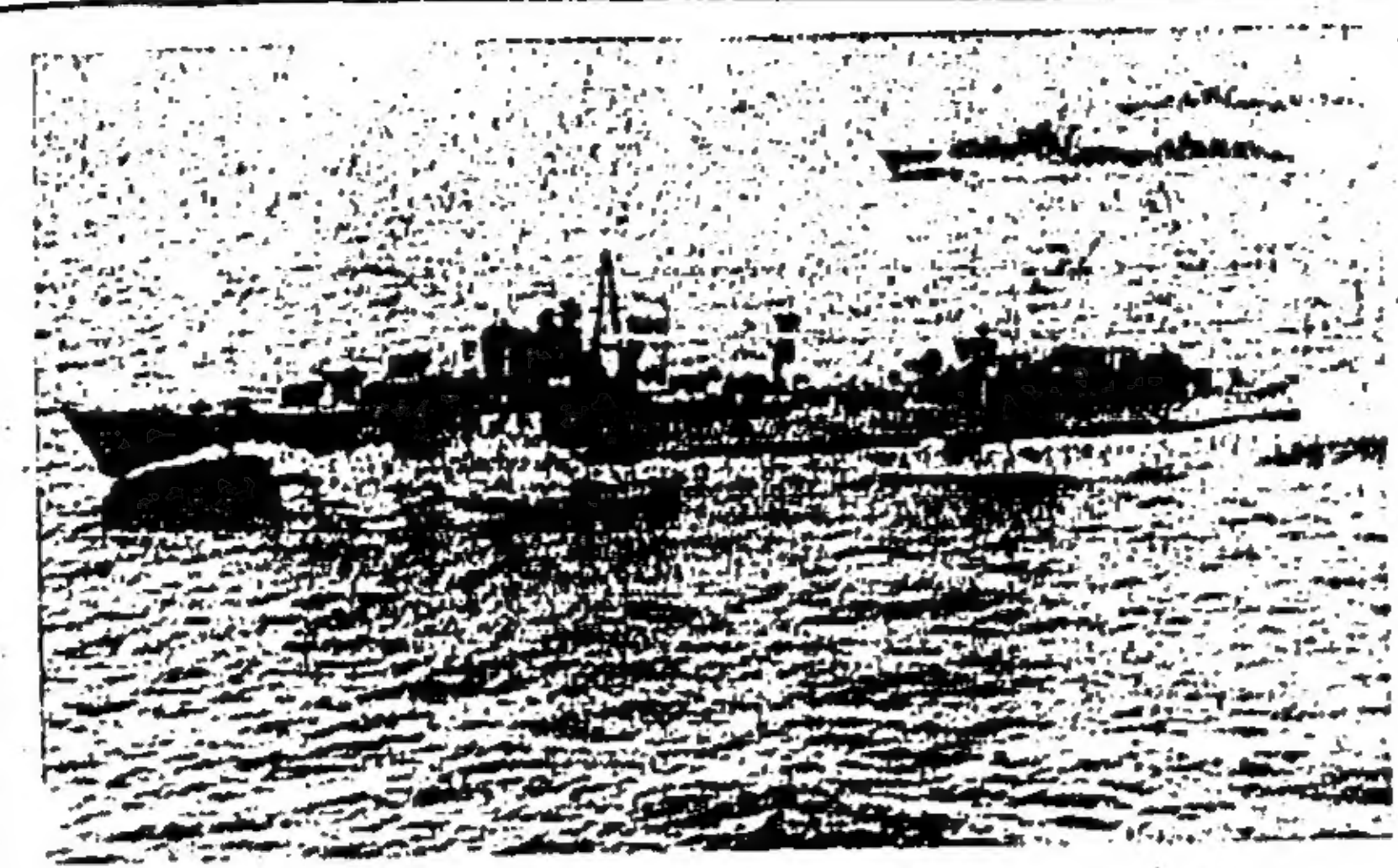
The Phenix and Espoir dived at 10.30 on Thursday morning. Espoir duly came to the surface, and when Phenix failed to appear, wireless the Lamotte Picquet, which engaged in a search with all ships' planes.

Other vessels which joined in the search included the patrol vessel Marne, three naval tugs and three seaplanes from Saigon.

It is estimated that the air supply in the submarine should now be exhausted, and owing to the depth of water, salvage is out of the question.

**BRITISH SYMPATHY**  
Lord Stanhope, First Lord of the Admiralty, has sent the following telegram to the French Ministry of Marine:—

"On behalf of the Board of Ad-



THETIS DRAMA. A picture from the air showing British destroyers, full speed ahead, steaming towards the spot in Liverpool Bay where the Thetis still lies entombed. (By Air Mail).

## Children's Fair At Sir Robert Ho-Tung's Residence

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES AND SIZES, EUROPEAN AND CHINESE, WITH THEIR PARENTS, THROUGED UP THE PEAK ALL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON TO THE HOME OF SIR ROBERT HO-TUNG, TO ATTEND ONE OF THE BIGGEST EVENTS OF ITS KIND IN THE HISTORY OF HONG KONG, A FUN-FAIR IN HONOUR OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE CARE OF WAR ORPHANS. A SOMEWHAT SIMILAR FAIR WAS HELD IN SALISBURY ROAD, KOWLOON, A WEEK OR SO AGO.

Additional police constables were needed to handle the apparently interminable string of buses, taxis and motor-cars which formed a string of traffic that

miralty and the Royal Navy, I desire to express my utmost regret at the disaster to the French submarine Phenix and my most profound sympathy at the loss, as we greatly fear, of so many valuable lives."

Several warships are standing by at the oil patch, which presumably marks the spot where the submarine lies.

It has not been possible to take any further steps to locate the exact position of the submarine, and it is considered almost certain that water must have forced its way into the craft, quickly ending the agony of the crew.

The Phenix was built to withstand underwater pressure to a depth of 300 feet, but it is believed she is deeper than this.

After the submarine disappeared under the water, the escorting vessels endeavoured for half an hour to establish connections by radio-telephone, but without success.

started at 2 o'clock and lasted until well after dark.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, arrived at 4.30 in his private car, which drove slowly through the thick crowd to Sir Robert's front door, being one of the very few vehicles actually to get past the contingent of traffic officers in Stubbs Road.

Despite the soggy heat of the lower levels, it was delightfully cool at the Peak all afternoon. Clouds drifted by only a few feet overhead, and there was but an occasional glimpse of sunshine to remind one that it is summertime in Hong Kong. Indeed, as evening drew nigh, it got quite chilly.

Gay banners and streamers strung around the front of the house lent a festive air. To the right, as one went in, was first a swing and the pet's corner and then the pony rides; a neat touch here was the red huntsman's coat costumes of the little "mafoos."

**POPULAR SPOT**  
Then came the shutes and all sorts of assorted side-shows. Under the bridge a fortune-teller held sway, ready to look into the past and prophesy the future. Down the same steps which led to the fortune-teller were coconut shies, skittles, darts and a shooting gallery, not to mention an honest-to-goodness treasure hunt.

Another popular spot, at least in the early part of the afternoon, was Sir Robert's private swimming pool. Not only was there swimming and boating, but a breeches buoy had been rigged up and those bold enough to venture into it risked nothing more than a wetting and got a huge thrill out of it in addition.

The entrance fee was 50 cents for adults and a nominal one for children, and the entire proceeds are to go to the National Association for the Care of War-Orphans' Fund. While the takings had not been fully added up last night, the Fund benefitted to no mean extent, judging by the large crowd which filled Sir Robert's grounds all afternoon.

**PRIZE-WINNERS**  
The following lucky numbers drew prizes under their respective headings:—  
Fifty-cents stalls, 1st prize (Rolex wrist watch), No. 632; 2nd, 739; 3rd, 1201; 4th, 527; 5th, 776.  
Twenty-cents stalls, 1st, 1220; 2nd, 1350; 3rd, 1270; 4th, 1213; 5th, 822.  
Entrance tickets, 1st, 1802; 2nd, 2300.

Programmes, 1st, 93; 2nd, 178.  
Raffle for Cakes:—(Winners to apply at the Y.W.C.A.) Nos.: 34, 111, 385, 233, 87, 30, 401, 32, 237 and 248.  
Prize-winners who did not collect their prizes yesterday are asked to call for them to-morrow at the offices of the National Association for the Care of War-Orphans, Hong Kong Branch, in the Bank of Canton building.

## DISSOLUTION OF FRENCH CHAMBER

Paris, Yesterday.  
A sensational report that the Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, intends to dissolve the Chamber of Deputies and to hold elections in July, is circulating in the lobbies.

The report is neither confirmed nor denied in official circles. —Trans-Ocean.

## ANOTHER EXILE FOR THE COLLECTION

London, Yesterday.  
Ex-King Zog of Albania will take up permanent residence in England, according to the press this morning.  
The ex-King is reported to have already obtained Home Office permission for himself and family to stay in England indefinitely.  
The party is expected to arrive in London in the next few weeks. —Trans-Ocean.

## British And U.S. Navy Moves In North

Shanghai, Yesterday.  
Efforts are being made to remedy the rapidly worsening food situation in Tientsin. According to Japanese reports reaching here from North China, H.M.S. Medway is now on her way there, reportedly with food-stuffs on board.

This is not confirmable through Royal Naval sources here.

Admiral Harry Yarnell, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, is now on his way up to Tientsin in an American warship, and is expected to arrive in the "storm centre" on Wednesday.

In former times of strain in Shanghai, the glad news that "Yarnell has arrived" always brought sighs of relief, not only from Americans, and the news that he is on his way to Tientsin is considered a good augury.

A report from North China states that a British destroyer has arrived in Chinwangtao, 125 miles from Tientsin.

The destroyer is to tour the North China summer resorts, including Peitah, where news of a projected Japanese census of all foreigners is viewed with misgiving, and is to investigate the safety of Britons in North China. —Our Own Correspondent and Reuter.

## SOLDIERS HELD ON CHARGE OF ROBBERY

Four British soldiers were arrested by the police last night and are being held while an investigation into a complaint lodged against them by four Chinese of robbery with violence is investigated.

The four soldiers, who were in civilian clothes, are alleged to have forced their way into a ground floor room at 14, Shumchun Street, where a mah-jongg game was in progress, at about 11 o'clock last night.

They posed as police officers, it is claimed, and proceeded to search the four Chinese, removing about \$50 from their persons. They are then said to have turned and fled.

Two of the men were arrested by the police and two were subsequently brought in by the Military Police.

Inspector P. K. Whelan, in charge of Mongkok Police Station, is conducting the investigation. The men will be kept in custody until Monday morning when, should the enquiry justify it, charges will be brought against them.

Paris, Yesterday.  
A warship which will never have a crew was launched here to-day. She is the 2,200 tons, 300-foot target ship Impassable.  
She will be directed by wireless to simulate the zig-zag movements of an enemy warship, and no shell can strike her. —Reuter.

## JAPANESE ATTEMPT TO CROSS THE YELLOW RIVER FRUSTRATED

Chungking, Yesterday.

A Japanese attempt to cross the Yellow River near Fenglingtu, South Shansi, under the cover of heavy artillery fire, was frustrated by Chinese machine-gun fire, according to reports received here.

A Japanese concentration of launches and boats which is preparing for further attempts is being closely watched by the Chinese troops.

Lingfeng, in West Shansi, became the scene of heavy fighting, according to Chinese reports, when the Japanese troops started a new three-column advance, one from north Heilungkwan, in the north, the second from Fengcheng, in the south, and the third from Tumen, in the centre, with Lingfeng as a central base, with the object of clearing up Chinese mobile units operating in this region.

It is stated that preliminary successes were lost after a Chinese counter-attack.

**FACE ANNIHILATION**

The Chinese High Command claims to have a cordon around Heilungkwan and that the Japanese are endeavouring desperately to find a way out, although it is expected that the 600 remaining Japanese are facing annihilation.

The lull in the Central Hupeh sector continues. Minor engagements are reported from Yochow sector, neither side succeeding in making further advances.

Mr. Hu Kuo-kwang, Chungking's new air defence commander, who is concurrently mayor of the city, has taken over his duties, relieving Li Keng-ku, the former commander.

**A.R.P. MEASURES**

It is expected that the new commander will shortly inaugurate new defence measures in Chungking against Japanese air raids.

Japanese air activities, according to Chinese reports, include the bombing of Hokow, Yowang-miao, in West Kiangsi; Wantai, Tachiao, in West Kiangsi; and Yungyun, Lienping and Pakiang, in Kwangtung Province.

Tungchi University (formerly at Woosung, Shanghai) where until recently numerous German professors occupied posts, is reported to have removed to Kunming.

The Yunnan capital at present contains eight Chinese universities. —Trans-Ocean.

## THIRD TIME UNLUCKY FOR SWEEP-WINNER

One of the 22 amahs who won first prize of \$83,843.20 in the Lantau Handicap Sweepstake, has had bad luck.

A rattan bag in which she placed almost the entire share of prize-money was stolen from her bed between 1 p.m. and early yesterday morning.

The sum stolen was reported to be \$2,333, which was in \$100 and \$10 bank-notes.

The amah, Chu Young, 49 years old, resides on the ground floor of No. 83, Parkes Street, Kowloon, where she rented a bed space.

Some 20 men, women and children occupy the flat in which also live five other amahs, also shareholders in the first prizes, residing.

All have been questioned by the Police, but none detained.

It is believed that the bag must have been taken by one of the woman's friends who visited her during the last few days.

Chu Young, it was learned, also had a share in the second prize in the Derby Sweepstake last February, when she won over \$1,000.

Mr. G. Widdes, chief engineer of the a.s. Harpa, has reported the theft of a gold watch valued at \$60 from his cabin while the ship was lying at the A.P.C. Wharf. —Reuter.

## IN THE DRAKE TRADITION

Rochester, Yesterday.  
The "Golden Hind," the most powerful flying boat ever to be built in Britain, was launched here to-day.

She is intended for the trans-Atlantic service between Britain, Canada and the United States. —Reuter.

## Eviction Threat To Kowloon Village

(Special to "Sunday Herald")

Some 300 villagers are threatened with eviction in Kowloon City. They will lose their homes and livelihoods to-morrow unless the authorities step in and take action.

The village concerned is situated just opposite the Far Eastern Aviation Training School at the Kai Tak Aerodrome, and is called the Po Kong Village.

There are about 60 dwellings, the owners of which earn their living by growing vegetables, rearing swine, washing clothes, making joss-sticks, vermicelli, dried noodles and sauce.

They have been in occupation of the land for some ten years.

Only the land was rented out to them, and they built their own dwellings.

Some time last month they all received notice from the land owners to quit by June 19 (to-morrow).

The villagers sent a deputation to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs on Friday with a petition, requesting protection against the eviction.

It is understood that the villagers are willing to give up possession of the land, but have, unfortunately, not been able to find other accommodation.

They also lack funds for building new dwellings.

## SPECIAL BRANCH INVESTIGATE TRIAD FIGHT

A serious view is being taken by the authorities regarding the activities and organisation of triad societies in Hong Kong following the pitched battle between some 100 members of a triad organisation and several hundreds of villagers at Tai Hang on Friday night.

The case has been transferred to the Special Branch of the Criminal Investigation Intelligence Department, the "Sunday Herald" learned yesterday.

It is understood that many cases where students, workers and restaurant employees were intimidated by triad society members have come to the notice of the Police during the past two weeks.

No arrests have so far been made in connection with the Tai Hang fight.



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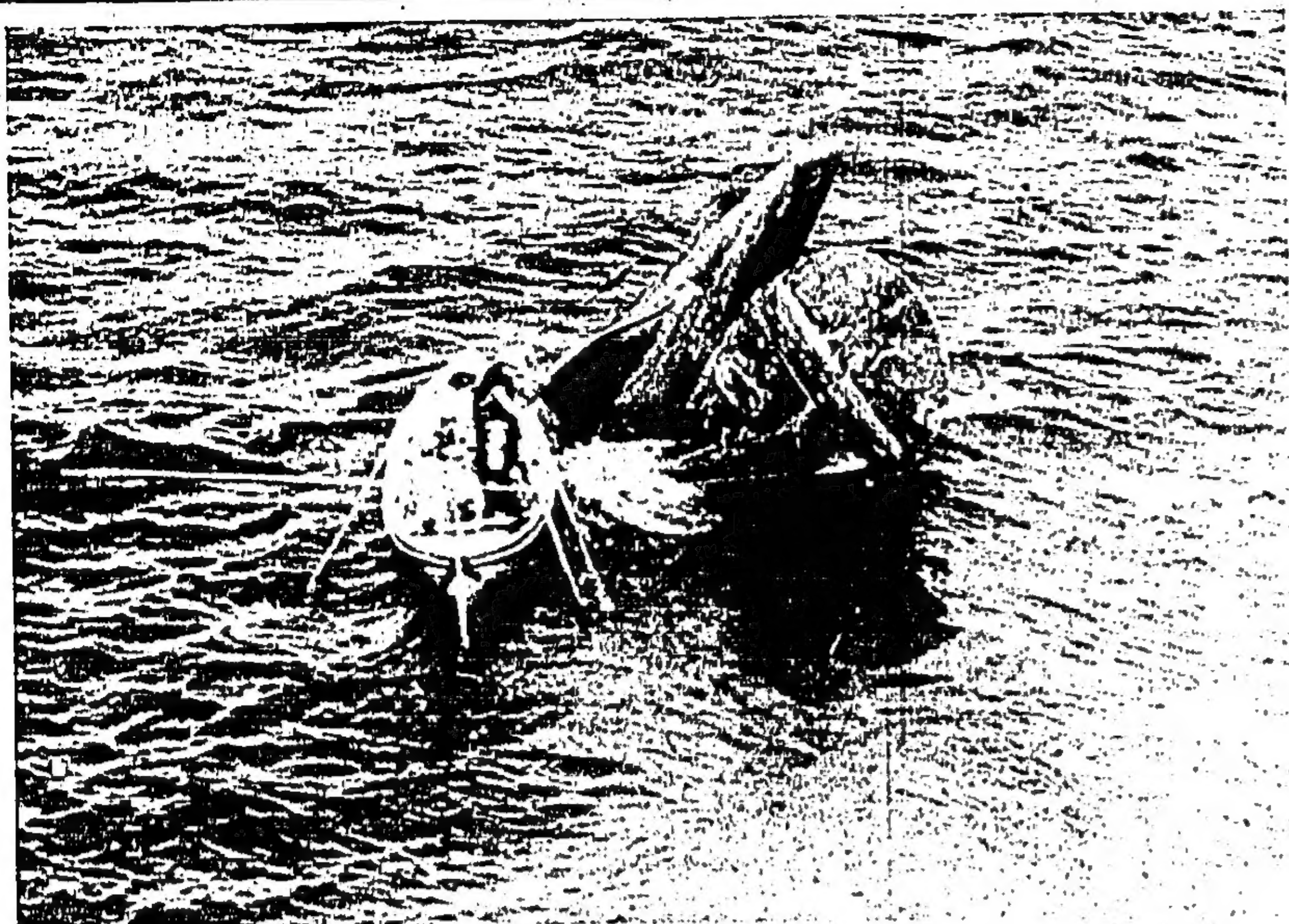
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# GERMANY PICKS UP BIG STICK: REICH ARMY MANS SIEGFRIED LINE



Probably one of the most tragic photographs ever taken in this picture of the Thetis rescue attempt. It shows 18 feet of the stern of the wrecked submarine protruding from the water, with a rescue life boat from which sailors are communicating with the trapped men by tapping on the hull. (By Air Mail).

## UNDERWEAR HOISTED OVER PARLIAMENT

London, Yesterday.  
A minor sensation was provided in Westminster yesterday morning by the discovery that practical jokers had climbed up the flagstaff on the Victoria Tower during the night and had replaced the Union Jack by a shirt and a pair of pants.

The indignity inflicted upon the House of Parliament passed quickly away when the queer embellishment was hauled down and the Union Jack was again hoisted to the top of the flagstaff.—Trans-Ocean.

## MUSSOLINI HIDES ARMS SECRETS FROM NAZIS

LONDON, YESTERDAY.  
REPORTS REACHING LONDON SHOW THAT THE GERMAN MILITARY MISSION IN ITALY HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN INTO THE FULL CONFIDENCE OF THE ITALIAN ARMY COMMAND. Acting apparently on orders

## PLANS TO EVACUATE 3,000,000 FROM CITIES IN WARTIME

London, Yesterday.  
The Minister of Health, Mr. Walter Elliot, addressing the Rural District Councils Association yesterday, said that progress made in recent years in housing and other public health services in rural parts of the country had produced remarkable results.

The general standardised death rate had gone down from 8.8 in 1931 to 8.2 in 1937 in rural districts of England and Wales and outside the Greater London area.

Infantile mortality declined from 85,000 live births in 1931 to 50 in 1937. Maternal mortality declined from 4.02 per thousand total births in 1931 to 3.44 in 1937.

from Mussolini himself, the Italian army has only shown its Nazi visitors a few second secondary sections of the powerful defence-works erected recently along the Brenner frontier-line.

The taking of similar precautionary measures was not judged necessary in North Africa, where German officers have been allowed to acquaint themselves with the arrangements made for defence of Libya.—Our Own Correspondent.

The tuberculosis death rate declined from 687 per million in 1931 to 544 per million in 1937.

The increased fitness of the nation, to which these services had contributed, was also strikingly shown by the results of medical examinations of young men of 20 to 21 now coming forward under the Military Training Act.

85 PER CENT  
During the first period, 17,856 militiamen were medically examined. Of these, 15,081 were passed as grade one. This represented 84.5 per cent. of all those coming forward.

An additional 1,583 or 8.8 per cent. were put into grade two—fit except for minor disabilities.

Regarding the war preparations for which his Department was responsible Mr. Elliot spoke of the progress in evacuation plans.

He said that the scale of planned movement involved the reception and subsequent care of about 3,000,000 people—mainly children.

OVER MILLION FROM LONDON

Trains would have to be available to distribute nearly 1,300,000 evacuees from London over counties between Land's End and the Wash in three or four days, for 216,000 would go from Liverpool and Merseyside into Wales.

A total 247,000 would go from Manchester into other parts of Lancashire, into Shropshire, Staffordshire, Cheshire and Derbyshire.

A total of 127,000 would be dispersed from Newcastle and Gateshead over Cumberland, Durham, Northumberland, and the North Riding.—British Wireless.

## BALKAN TALKS IN ATHENS

Athens, Yesterday.  
The Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Grigore Gafencu, had a conference yesterday with the Greek Premier, General Metaxas. The Government newspaper says that M. Gafencu has come to Athens to promote co-operation between the Balkan countries.—Trans-Ocean.

## "Summer Exercises" On The French Frontier

London, Yesterday.

The German Army is manning the Siegfried Line, built as a check to the formidable French Maginot Line on Germany's western frontier.

The already somewhat acute tension now existing in Europe has not been lessened by the news, emanating from reliable German forces, that "summer exercises" are being held on the Western frontier.

These "summer exercises," it is more or less officially admitted, will "last for quite a considerable period."

It is believed that these "summer exercises" are more than a routine practice.

As a result of these exercises, the German High Command is expected to settle, to its own satisfaction at least, reports which are steadily gaining ground to the effect that the Siegfried Line is over-rated as an effective bastion against an attack from the west.

WAR-TIME FOOTING  
The Siegfried Line will be placed on what is to all practical purposes a full war-time footing. This will, of course, include full measures being taken to bring up "fresh supplies and reinforcements."

Part of this reinforcement work includes the storing of vast quantities of food, ammunition and other stores in what was once Czechoslovakia's "Maginot Line," which reportedly caused German officers to grow pale as they examined it and realised the difficulties they would have had to face had Czechoslovakia decided to fight.

The Czechoslovakian "Maginot Line" has been of assistance to the German High Command in improving the Siegfried Line.

"BIG STICK"  
Political circles here to-day point out that the "summer exercises" are tantamount to one of the parties in an argument picking up a big stick.

Should German-Polish relations grow any worse, they point out, the fact that the Siegfried Line is fully manned and ready for anything will definitely strengthen Germany's hand.—Our Own Correspondent.

## AIR EPIC 20 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

LONDON, YESTERDAY.  
AVIATION HISTORY IS BEING RECALLED THIS WEEK, FOR IT IS 20 YEARS AGO THAT, FLYING IN A STANDARD VICKERS VIMY BIPLANE POWERED WITH TWO ROLLS ROYCE EAGLE 280 HORSE-POWER WATER-COOLED ENGINES, CAPTAIN JOHN ALCOCK AND LIEUTENANT ARTHUR WHITTEN BROWN, BOTH OF WHOM WERE SUBSEQUENTLY KNIGHTED, FLEW NON-STOP FROM ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND TO CLIFDEN, ON THE WEST COAST OF IRELAND, IN 16 HOURS 57 MINUTES.

Not for eight years was this great flight paralleled. In 1927, Colonel Lindbergh made the second non-stop Atlantic crossing. The biplane, has recently been on view at the Science Museum in South Kensington.

Alcock and Brown averaged 118 m.p.h. over 1,890 miles of the trans-Atlantic crossing, which remained the fastest ocean flight on record for some 15 years.—British Wireless.

## GREAT NORTH ROAD

London, Yesterday.  
Work will begin soon on a £250,000 scheme to reconstruct and modernise nearly 11 miles of the Great North Road. In the North Riding seven miles of roadway will be widened and given a dual carriageway with cycle tracks.—Our Own Correspondent.

## FRENCH BLOOD DONORS' WEEK

Paris, Yesterday.

France next week is to hold simultaneously a "Navy Week" and a "Blood Donors Week."

The President, M. Albert Lebrun, is to make an appeal for Frenchmen willing to donate blood for transfusions in time of war.

The French Government aims at building up a blood-donors system several times as large as that used so successfully by the Republicans in the Spanish Civil War.—Trans-Ocean.

A total of \$476,823.50 has now been subscribed to the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China.

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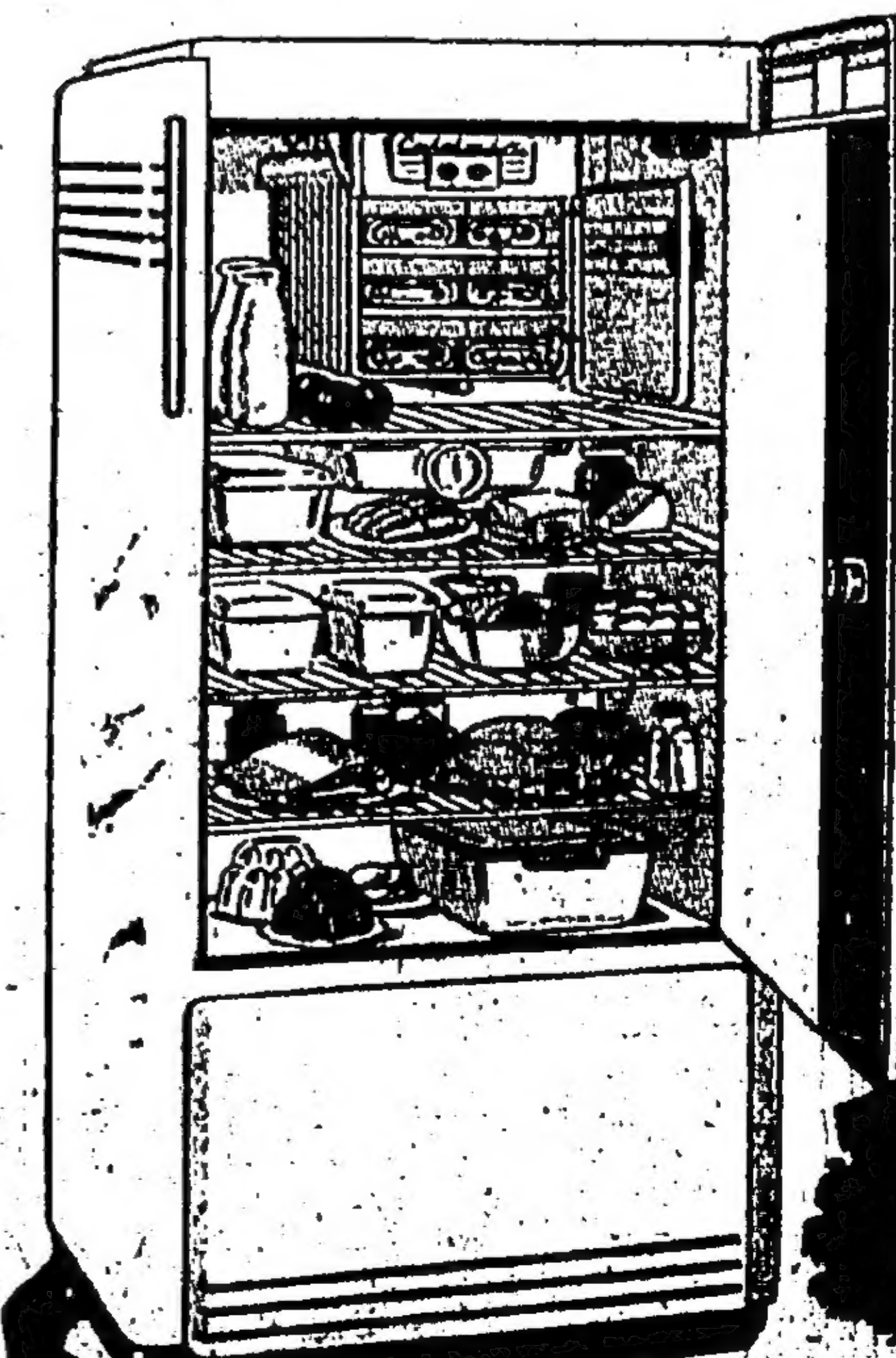
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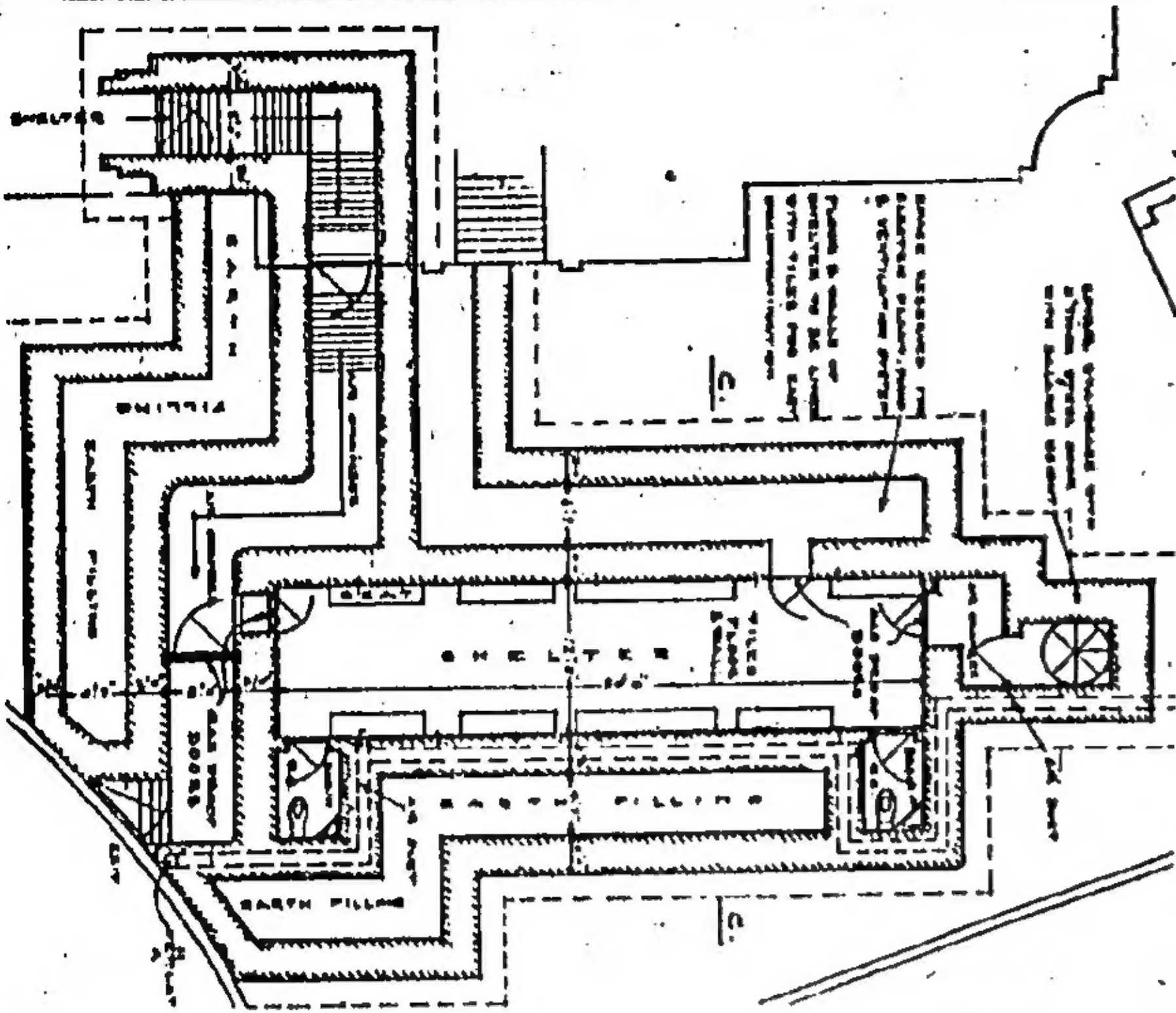
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# SPECIAL BOMB-PROOF SHELTER DESIGNED FOR H.K. RESIDENT

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## Latest British And Continental Features Adopted

Plans have been drawn up for a special form of bomb-proof shelter designed by Messrs. C. E. Warren and Company, for a Hong Kong Chinese client, the "Sunday Herald" understands.

The shelter, which will be below ground, will be strong enough to resist direct hits from bombs weighing 6 hundredweight, or almost 700 pounds. It was designed locally, and embodies the best features of shelters adopted by British and Continental engineers.

Three entrances will enable those in the house or on the grounds to get into the shelter with the minimum of delay or scrambling.

The first entrance is in the house and leads down in a broken flight of stairs. The second, fitted with a 2-inch strong steel door, is in the garden and leads down to the bottom level of the shelter by means of a spiral stair-case. A heavy 2-inch door falls into place at ground level and is equipped with a balance weight.

The third entrance, which leads into the street, is more in the nature of an emergency exit, enabling the occupants to get out if both the other doors are blocked by debris.

**GAS-PROOF DOORS**  
All three doors lead into air-chambers, from which entrance into the actual shelter itself is obtained through thick steel gas-proof doors.

The shelter itself is fitted out with two lavatories, long benches, and a large number of lockers and cupboards in which gas-masks, first aid kit and so on may be stored.

The floor and walls of the shelter are to be lined with tiles in order to make the work of decontamination and general cleaning easier.

In one wall of the shelter, provision is made for an electric plant, pump and ventilation system. Ventilation will also be through a system of air-ducts.

**24 FEET BELOW GROUND**  
The floor of the shelter, which is 50 feet long, 12 feet wide and 8 feet high, is actually over 24 feet below ground level.

Starting from ground level, there is, first of all, three feet of soil, in which plants may be grown so that, save for the garden-entrance, there will be few signs of the presence of the shelter. Next comes a layer of specially reinforced concrete, followed by earth and sand.

Another layer of the "sandwich" is formed by 21 inches of concrete, also specially reinforced, with over 4½ feet more of rubble and sand below this.

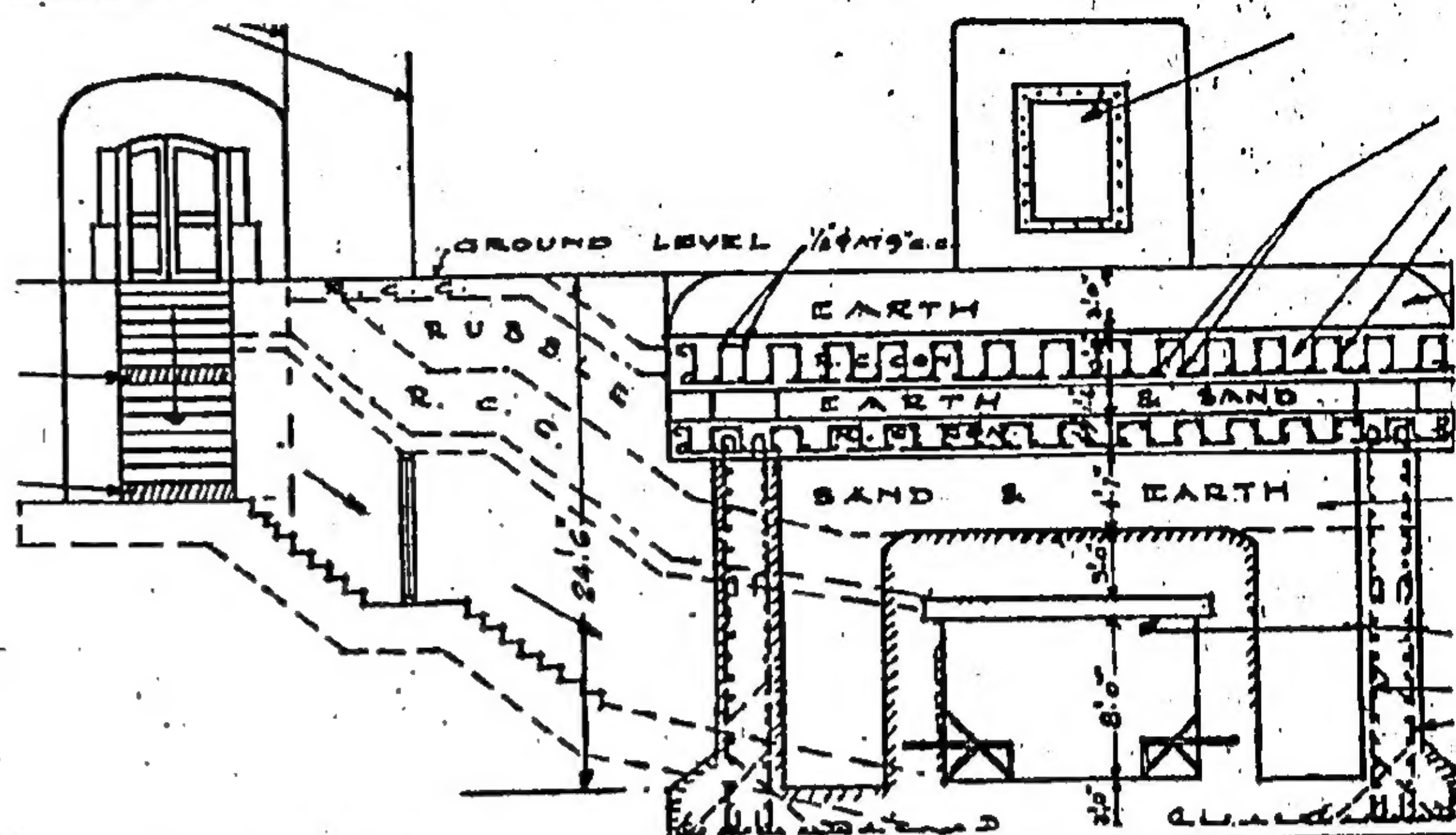
Then comes three feet more concrete, which is supported on steel troughing, manufactured in England, which, besides adding to the general strength, also prevents flakes — caused by the concussion of bombs registering direct hits — from falling onto the heads of those in the shelter.

The various layers of concrete are additionally supported by reinforced concrete walls at the sides and ends.

**PUBLIC SHELTERS?**  
This particular shelter is planned to meet the special needs of a rich Chinese, family residing at mid-levels and the layout is designed to fit in with the shape of the grounds, etc. Basically, however, it is of a type that could be built in any large garden or flat area, and public shelters, each housing 50 or more people, could be built in such a fashion as to dovetail neatly into each other.

The cost would be high, however, and most public shelters planned by Government A.R.P. authorities are not built to sustain direct hits as this one is; they provide protection against blasts, splinters and gas.

Mr. A. K. Mackenzie, of No. 47 Stubbs Road, has reported the theft of a lawn mower, valued at \$30, from his garden.



## STEWARD HELD FOR MURDER ON BOARD B. AND S. STEAMER

A Chinese steward on board the Butterfield and Swire steamer "Anhui" is being held by the Chinese authorities in Swatow, the "Sunday Herald" learns, on a charge of murder.

The steward is alleged to have killed the Chinese Fourth Engineer, Lee Foo-hai, shortly after the vessel arrived in Swatow from Shanghai.

Details of the affair are meagre, but it is reported that the Engineer had a dispute with the steward over food served to him by the latter.

Shortly afterwards the Engineer was found dead in his cabin with a bullet wound in his head, the bullet having been fired from a revolver, apparently through the porthole.

**BULLETS FOUND**  
The revolver is believed to have been stolen from the Second Officer's cabin by the murderer.

Five other bullets were found at the scene of the crime, and the steward was arrested by the local Chinese authorities on suspicion of having committed the murder.

The "Anhui" did not touch at Hong Kong on her way south, and is now bound for Singapore.

## Ex-Civil Servant Gaoled

Robert George Witchell, formerly employed in the Colonial Secretary's Office, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. R. Edwards in the Central Police Court yesterday morning, for embezzlement of various sums, totalling \$59, from Public funds.

Accused pleaded guilty to six separate charges.

Mr. J. B. Prentiss, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said that between May and September last year, accused appropriated sums of \$4 and \$11 on different dates. The money was paid to accused, who was a clerk in the Passport Office, for visas and for an identification certificate.

Mr. Prentiss also revealed that a sum of \$1,068.68 was missing, but no evidence was available to connect accused with this amount.

That accused had embezzled Public funds was only detected after he had left for Canada.

Accused was sent back to Hong Kong by the Canadian authorities as he was without sufficient means.

## H.K. MECHANIC'S AMPHIBIAN

(Special to "Sunday Herald")

WORKING STEADILY IN HIS LEASURE HOURS, A YOUNG HONG KONG CHINESE MECHANIC IS ATTEMPTING TO BUILD A CAR WHICH WILL TRAVEL BOTH ON LAND AND WATER.

Mechanics is his hobby, and he has already spent some \$2,000 on the experiment on which he has been working for the past three

## WAR PICTURES

"Every picture tells a story." And no less than 250 pictures are gathered together ready for exhibition at the Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club, 11 Queen's Road (entrance Ice House Street). Beginning from to-day, a four-day display of unusually fine photographs, showing war-time conditions and reconstruction work in China, will be held.

These pictures have been secured from various sources at considerable cost and with great difficulty. They have never been shown anywhere before. Comprising ten different groups, they tell vivid stories of China's heroic struggle for national freedom and economic emancipation.

months.  
The "Land And Water Car" is being constructed from parts of an old automobile, and has almost been completed.

The "car", it is stated, will have a speed of 10 knots an hour on water and 60 miles an hour on land.

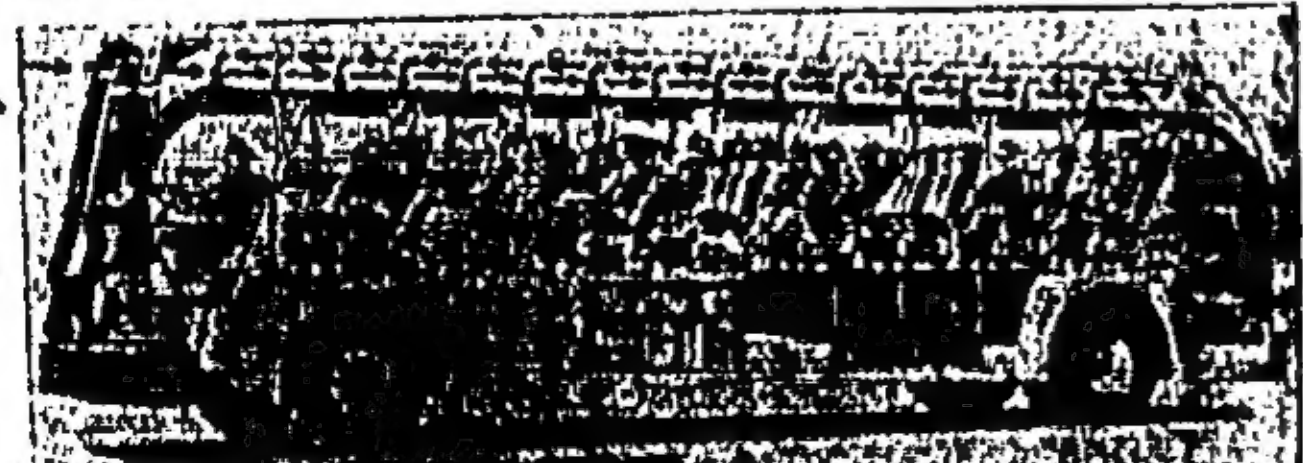
It is understood that a high official of the Chinese Government paid a visit recently to the workshop.

A trial will be carried out as soon as the car is completed.

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## ANTI-CHOLERA MEASURES ANNOUNCED

THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS FOLLOWING THE MACAO AUTHORITIES IN FIGHTING CHOLERA.

Last week, the Macao authorities announced that persons having no certificate to show that they have been inoculated would not be allowed to land. Certificates are also to be accompanied by photos.

Yesterday the Hong Kong Government issued the following notification:

**"CHOPPED" PHOTOGRAPH**  
"Attention is drawn to Government Notification No. S. 259 of 16th June, 1939, the effect of which is to prohibit the landing at Macao of passengers from Hong Kong unless they possess the proper certificate of inoculation against cholera, and to prohibit the landing in Hong Kong of passengers from Macao unless they possess a similar certificate."

"A certificate of inoculation against cholera is considered valid if:—  
(a) shows that inoculation has been performed not less than six days and not more than six months prior to the date of arrival in or departure from Macao;

(b) has a photograph of holder attached and "chopped" by an official seal of a recognized Medical or Health Department; and  
(c) is signed by a Medical Officer or Health Officer of the Government of Macao or Hong Kong, or some other recognized Health Department."

**101 CASES**  
Meanwhile, according to the Honourable Director of Medical Services, 101 cases of cholera have occurred in Hong Kong since the beginning of the year.

Sixty-five of these proved fatal. The majority of cases came from Kowloon and New Kowloon, and most of these case imported come from Macao.

The persons affected were mostly males over the age of 12 years, and a small number occurred among children.

During the 24 hours ended midnight on Friday, three cholera cases were registered. There were also three cases of diphtheria, five of typhoid, two of measles one of dysentery, and 37 of tuberculosis.

## REGISTRATION FORMS TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED

Acknowledgment cards, in connection with the Registration of local British Subjects, are now being prepared and will be issued shortly.

The cards are intended to be a form of receipt, and will be sent to all British subjects who have filled and sent in Registration Forms.

Some British subjects who were among the first to register received acknowledgments some time ago, but owing to the great pressure of work which followed subsequently, the Registration Department was unable to find time to issue receipts.

Mr. K. A. Blamond, Assistant Superintendent of Police, who is in charge of Registration, told the "Sunday Herald" yesterday that receipt of registration forms

## MAINLAND FARM AREAS TO BE IMPROVED BY A.A.

(Special To The "Sunday Herald")

FAR-REACHING PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE FARMING AREAS ON THE MAINLAND, FOR IMPROVING CONDITIONS AMONG THE FARMERS AND FOR MAKING THE COLONY SELF-SUPPORTING IN FOREIGN AND CHINESE VEGETABLES, ARE ENVISAGED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

Carrying out of these plans, however, will depend entirely on the success of the proposed \$200,000 Trust Fund, which was mentioned at the Association's Annual Meeting last month.

Mr. Charles Tetzel, Honorary Secretary of the Association, pointed out to the "Sunday Herald" yesterday that the Association's work has been greatly hampered by not having a steady regular income.

The abandonment of schemes was forced by lack of funds, and on many occasions suggestions for improving farming in the Colony could not be entertained for the same reason.

The plans envisaged by the Association are to raise the standard of farming in the New Territories by teaching farmers how to cultivate vegetables more successfully than at present.

**LOANS TO FARMERS**  
Farmers in need of funds will be granted small loans by the Association to purchase modern and scientific farming implements, vegetables' seeds, and additional land, if necessary.

It is an open secret that many farmers when in need of money owing to a bad harvest, sell their children to make up for the loss, so loans will also be available to farmers in the event of a bad harvest to tide them over to the next season.

The Association is at present discussing means for making the Trust Fund a permanent source of income, and also to arrange the articles of Association so that not even the Association itself will be able to touch any part of the Fund.

## D.B.S. EXPULSION RUMOURS DENIED

"The "Sunday Herald" was informed by the Headmaster of the Diocesan Boys' School yesterday that some 300 students attended class on Friday, showing that more absentees have returned.

The seven prefects, who are dissatisfied with the appointment of the new temporary head prefect have been individually, requested by letter to resume studies by Tuesday.

The majority of the "strikers," however, express refusal to return.

Several of the absentees have been threatened with beatings if they return to school, according to one of the students who has decided to stay away and who told the "Herald" that he was not in favour of the "strike."

Rumours were circulated yesterday that one of the ring-leaders was expelled on Friday, but when approached, the Headmaster denied the rumours.

will be acknowledged, individually, shortly.

## CHINESE PRIEST LAID TO REST

The funeral of the late Father Peter Lam Yam-tong, took place at the Catholic Cemetery yesterday afternoon.

Bishop Valtorta officiated, assisted by Father Luke Fung and Father Francis Chan.

The deceased, 70 years of age, died at the Precious Blood Hospital early yesterday morning, after a long illness.

He had been very active in Missionary work in various districts of China. He was with the Rosary Church and at Shamshui, where only his last illness compelled him to retire from his work.

Sisters from various Catholic Institutes of the Colony were present at the funeral, and a large crowd of Chinese Catholics attended.

Wreaths were sent from Shamshui Catholic Mission, Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Tang Yee Yin, Staff of the Catholic Mission in Caine Road, Lau Chiwan, Hing Po-shui and many others.

## FATSHAN RETURNS

Following ten days "detention" in Canton by the Japanese, the s.s. Fatshan returned to Hong Kong yesterday afternoon with over 300 passengers.

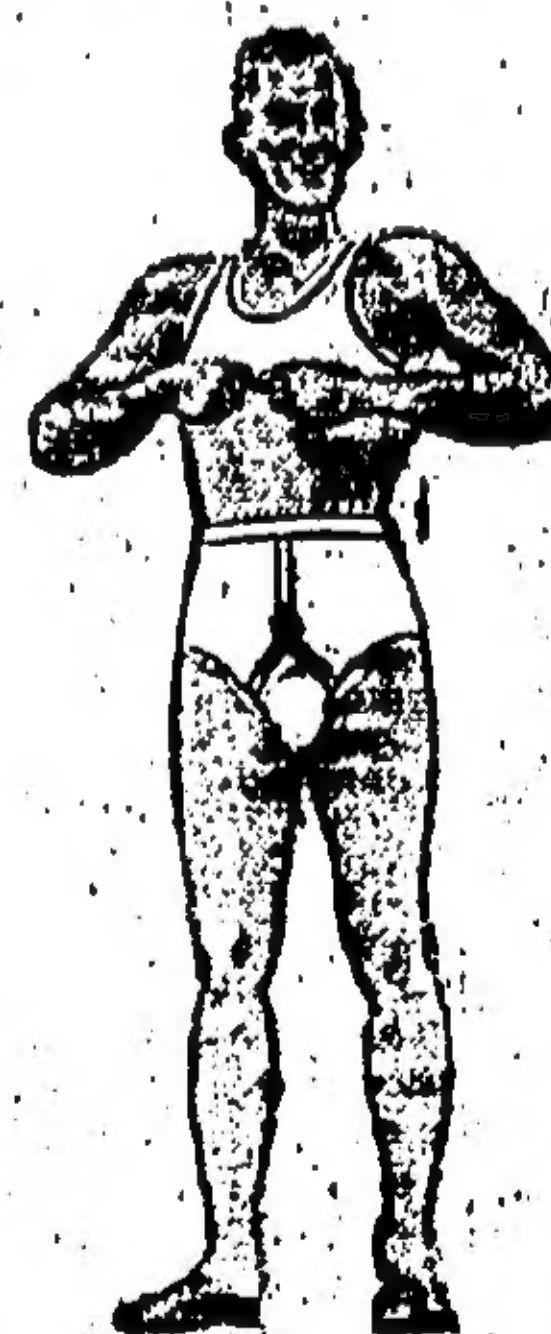
Claiming that they were police officers, four men gained entrance to an opium divan in Reclamation Street, Kowloon, and robbed the keeper of over \$20 in money and several opium pipes.



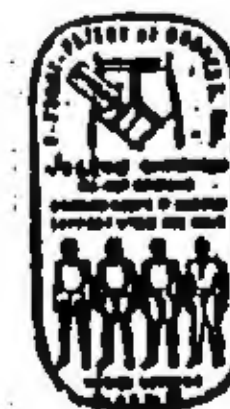
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# PRIVATE FACES IN PUBLIC PLACES

Augustus Knudsen—  
Mental Adventurer

A CHARMING old gentleman, who arrived in Hong Kong a fortnight ago, described himself to me as an adventurer of the mind. He is, however, the logical descendant of a family of adventurers. His grandfather was a British naval officer who fought at Trafalgar, and knew—*and anathematized*—Captain Bligh of the "Bounty." When Napoleon was securely shut up in St. Helena, Commander Knudsen resigned his commission and went to New Zealand, where he carved a fortune for himself out of the soil and founded a family. When he died, his wife chartered a sailing ship and sailed across the Pacific with her family without any fixed destination. They landed on the coast of British Columbia, still a wild and unsettled country, beset by hostile Indian tribes.

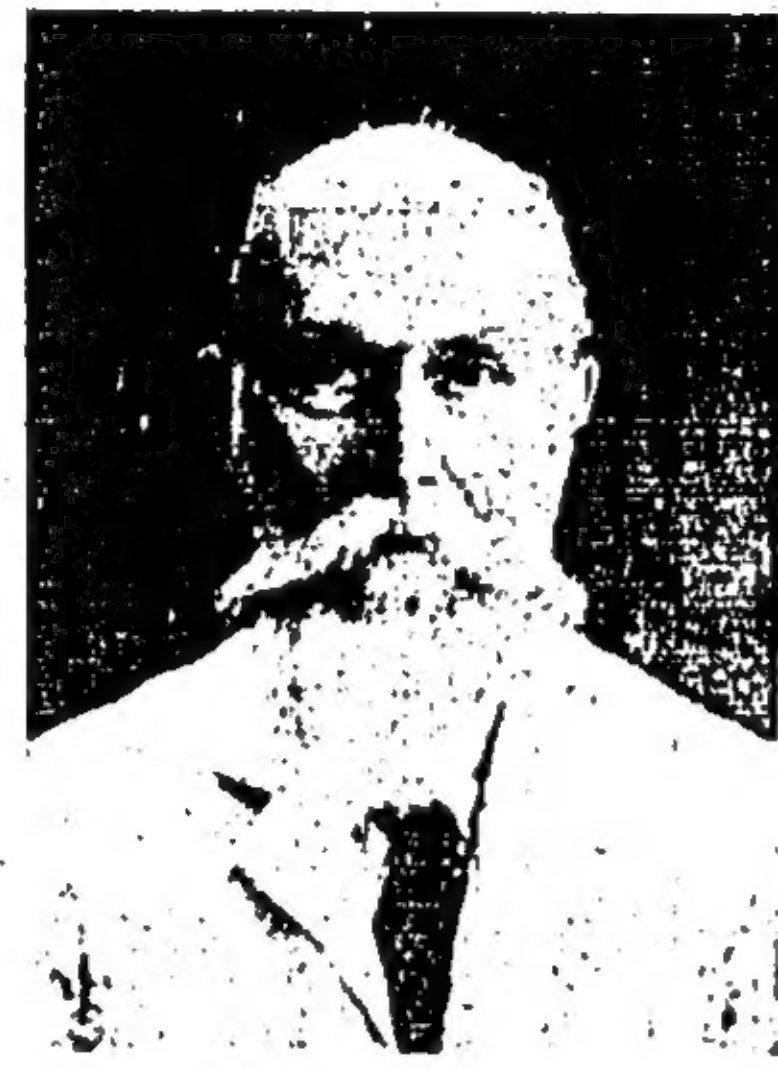
AUGUSTUS' father, meanwhile, had gone to England to study law. Hardly had he settled down to practise his profession when the famous gold-rush of 1849 took place, and he went across to California to take part in it. A few months of it convinced him that there was more money to be made in store-keeping than in mining, and soon he had built a huge business. He had a branch in San Francisco where he bought up shipments of supplies and another in Marysville, where he had 42 teams of horses which penetrated right up the five river valleys where the mining took place. When he had acquired something like a fortune and four partners, he decided to

have a long holiday for health reasons. One day, in the rigging of a vessel lying in San Francisco Harbour, he saw a blackboard bearing the words "Sailing for Hawaii to-night." He hailed the captain and asked where it was, and when the captain told him and described the beauties of the islands, he asked, "How much will you take me for?" "Bring your bedding and your own luxuries," replied the captain, "and we'll take you for \$25." He sailed that night, taking with him \$5000 and leaving his business in the hands of his partners. In two years they had swindled him and ruined themselves.

OLD Knudsen didn't care. He had arrived in Kaula, third largest of the Hawaiian Islands, was captivated by it and had decided to stay and become a rancher. Hawaii was then a monarchy, with an ancient line of rulers and a population which was rapidly civilizing itself out of existence. Resembling Hong Kong in configuration, Kaula was fertile with centuries of decomposed volcanic lava, but, partly owing to lack of irrigation, little was grown except small quantities of breadfruit, bananas, sweet potatoes and the staple crop of the inhabitants, the arum root. A number of Europeans were engaged in cattle and horse raising. Soon after his arrival he bought a farm of several hundred acres in exchange for "my fare to Sydney and \$500." So he got it for about \$300. A few months later he

more than doubled it for another \$500, buying it from Wylie, a scheming old Scotsman, who had had himself appointed Prime Minister to the king.

THIS appointment, incidentally, was a distinct departure from tradition, previous Prime Ministers having always been women, generally elderly relations of the king. The Hawaiian taboo gave the women very strong rights and have made the country a virtual matriarchy. Inheritance was based on the female lines of the family, and no man dare make a decision without the



AUGUSTUS KNUDSEN

approval of his women. This applied with equal force to the royal household.

KAUAI has one of the heaviest rainfalls in the world, but it is seasonal and there was no method of storage. With the introduction of irrigation, white settlers turned their pastureland over to sugar. The king profited by selling at 20 cents an acre large tracts of land which was later taxed at several hundreds of dollars per acre per year. The Knudsen plantation, bought for \$800, was afterwards worth as much as \$500,000.

It was here that Augustus was born, his father having married late in life, so that he was old man before his children were out of school. Augustus grew up without white friends, in the midst of the Hawaiians who worked on the plantation. So, at a very early age, he began to study the taboo system, with its old priests who practised clairvoyance and hypnotism, and he formed a great admiration for the code of honour and manliness which is instilled into them almost from their birth. On every birth day from the ages of twelve to sixteen they undergo stringent tests to prove their fitness for citizenship. These tests required a complete knowledge of all the flora of their island, ability to plant breadfruit, bananas and arum root, to fish, to prepare their food and to cook it. On their sixteenth birthday, when most of them were reaching six foot

in height, they had to prove their manhood by swimming, wrestling, running several miles. And, because the coast was infested with sharks, no boy was

sailed past they all bowed low, and then they went home.

AFTER a spell back in Hawaii, Augustus and his

finally passed till he had killed one of them. Of course, they were carefully tutored and actually the killing was not difficult, but it proved their ability and courage in the face of danger.

AUGUSTUS was just ten when his father put him to work on the plantation. Their first mill had had a ten-ton roller, which came from Canton. Now, with a fifty-ton roller, with equivalent increases on the other plantations, and with the expansion of the export of their sugar, the native labour became inadequate. Chinese and Japanese had been filtering in for years, but now foreigners of every kind came in with a rush. There was no one to teach them the work, and young Knudsen, at the age of ten was acting as instructor to the Chinese, teaching them how to plant, the use of their tools and some English. Later, he taught them English in a school which his father established on the plantation.

SO great was the demand for labour that boats scoured the South Seas, recruiting men from the many Oceanic islands. These men congregated into separate villages, and in one of them, distinct cannibalistic tendencies appeared. No one was actually killed for food, but when a man was murdered they sent a deputation to apply for the bodies, first of the victim, afterwards of the murderer, when he had been hanged. When they were refused, they became both angry and puzzled.

THEN came an incident which caused a great stir and subsequently brought about their expulsion. Two Japese were found in their midst and a doctor and two policemen came and took them away. Feeling it was wrong to punish sick people by shutting them away, the villagers objected, and one night eight of them called at the doctor's house and shot him dead. There was a riot when the police arrested the four men who had fired the shots. When they were hanged, the refusal of the police to turn over the bodies for food, resulted in a really serious riot which was only quelled when every man who knew how to handle a gun had been mustered. They were all shipped back to their native islands.

YOUNG Knudsen and his brothers were sent to school in New Zealand and then their father took them to Europe for two years. Here they met Varvara, the Viennese botanist, who had visited Knudsen senior in Kaula to compare notes on a theory that both of them had formed regarding the trans-plantation of both plants and population from Southern India to Hawaii. He took them to the Austrian court to a reception given by Emperor Franz Joseph. He remembers the stiff and pointless ceremonial. They all stood in a long row. When he

brother went to America. His brother went to Harvard to read law, but, having passed his examinations, he returned to be a rancher. His legal training, however, was useful when he became a member, first of the Assembly, afterwards of the Senate, becoming Speaker of the former, and president of the latter. Augustus studied engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, applying his professional training to the modernisation of Kaula. He built a road right round it, a harbour, and a system of light railways which connected the harbour with the plantations. And he helped to electrify the island, so that remote plantations now have light and power.

HE likes to call himself a mental adventurer because, in spite of the practical results he has achieved, he prefers the intellectual rather than the practical approach to life. He has been intensely interested in the complex ethnological problems which have arisen from the influx into Hawaii of so many different races, and from the growth of so many new ones. Some years ago he was appointed by the British Museum to carry out a survey. He discovered some interesting facts. One of the most remarkable was that Hawaii, right in the southern Pacific, had a distinct sprinkling of Eskimo blood. Investigation showed him that it had arrived, a few generations ago, with an expedition under the Russian explorer Korbutan. There were four Eskimos in his party, all of them under five feet but with massive chests. These quaint men, with unusual skill at fishing and handling, completely captivated the six-foot Hawaiians and when the expedition sailed, they stayed on and founded a sub-race which has become Hawaiian in character but Mongolian in appearance.

A NOTHER subject that engaged him for a long time was a study of Kaula's rainfall, which was rendered difficult by the dense tropical growth on the slopes of the mountain which forms the centre of the island, and the U.S. Government sent him instruments and appointed him to make a survey. He has devoted the last few years of his life to a study of comparative religions and it is in his capacity as presidential agent of the Theosophical Society that he is now in Hong Kong.

## Yvonne

ONE of Manila's most popular events is the "gong hour" in the radio programme every Thursday evening. Its equivalent in England is the music-hall "go-as-you-please" competition, in which they use a long pole, with a loop of rope on the end to clear the stage of over-optimistic candidates for the spian honours. In Manila they use a gong. Anyone who imagines he can sing, play a musical instrument or tell a story is permitted to face the microphone, and he carries on till he hears the gong. Then the switch goes over, the aspirant is divorced from his audience and he is gently advised to concentrate for the future on dominoes or fretwork. If, however, the candidate completes his programme without hearing the gong, he knows he has been approved.

THE following week the ungonged ones are invited to the Lyric Theatre to do their stuff again. Here their abilities are measured by the amount of applause they evoke, and the winner is presented with 50 pesos. It was at the end of such an evening that Yvonne Balagtas found herself in the theatre office, with fifty pesos in one hand and a fountain pen in the other, and a fat old gentleman begging her to sign on the dotted line. A mental image of her mother's disapproving countenance, almost detorted by horror, but the old gentleman was urgent and insistent. When her roving, dispassionate, she discover-

ed she had contracted to appear once a week in somebody's tobacco hour over the wireless.

IT all happened by accident. She was studying at secretarial school and, her parents living on their farm in the provinces, she became a boarder. She was learning in her leisure to play the violin, and when her two friends at the school went to the gong hour to have an audition, they dragged her and her violin with them to share their discomfort. Elaine, who thought she was a comedienne, lasted 30 seconds, whilst the mysterious sounds emitted by Yvonne's violin were allowed just ten seconds less. Yvonne knew that her own violin-playing was even worse than Sonia's, and while she waited for her name to be called, she cast round wildly for an alternative. She heard her name, ran to the microphone without her violin, paused desperately for a moment, then began to sing a song that she had heard at the cinema the night before. She kept a firm picture of Alice Faye in her mind, remembered her gestures, the movement of her lips, and crooned the ballad of last night's film. One ear was waiting for the sound of the gong, but instead she heard a ripple of applause, and someone asked her to sing again.

HER family, who had deep roots in what she calls "the classic" were greatly disturbed. Regarding fine old music with a religious reverence, they



YVONNE BALAGTAS, a Bann's Studio portrait.

found her crooning as acceptable as burglary or incendiarism. As far back as they could remember, their family had been renowned in their towns and villages as authorities on music and for their dignified rendering of the classics, and now here was Yvonne doing acrobatics with her fine contralto voice, and, what is more, getting paid for it. "The world is mad," said her mother, "it's all upside down." Yvonne thought her mother was probably right, but she kept on with her crooning, eventually singing over the radio as many as three or four times a week in the sponsored programmes of various advertisers. Seven months ago Art Camello, the Hong Kong Hotel band leader, heard her on the air and sent her a contract to



Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau, local solicitor, and his bride, the former Miss Beatrice Lau, who were married in St. John's Cathedral on Friday. (Bann's Studio).

## Personalia

Mr. W. L. Bond, who is operations manager for the C.N.A.C., left Hong Kong early in the week for Shanghai.

Mr. James Bertram, correspondent in China for the "Manchester Guardian" and author of the best-seller "North China Front," left for Chungking on Thursday.

Passengers sailing for the Netherlands East Indies in the s.s. Tinegara included Mr. R. E. Edwards, Mr. A. E. Gerondal and Lieutenant-Colonel M. S. Toverham.

Among those who arrived in the Colony in the s.s. Empress of Russia were Mr. H. M. J. Diestel, Mr. A. Dowar (of the West Coast Insurance Co.), Mr. K. Haas (of the Comptoir Anglo-Continental, Shanghai), and Mr. A. Hewett-Smith (of General Motors, China, Limited).

Mr. David Ross, who is connected with the Accounts Department of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Shanghai, is a visitor in Hong Kong, having arrived in the Empress of Russia.

Following a business trip to Shanghai, Mr. S. L. Pan, head of the China Travel Service, returned to Hong Kong in the s.s. Empress of Russia.

At present in Shanghai, and on her way through to Hong Kong after a week's visit there is Miss Gloria Stuart, 20th-Century Fox star. She is accompanied by her husband, Mr. A. Shekman. From Hong Kong, they propose travelling to New York by way of the Netherlands East Indies.

Mrs. A. Landau, wife of the proprietor of Jimmy's Kitchen, left during the week in the Changto for a vacation in Australia.

come and sing here. And here she is. The applause which greeted her last Saturday night, when she returned to the hotel after a short illness, is an excellent measure of her popularity.

## LITTLE NOTES of Great Importance

We are forever running across pretty frocks, but once in an on comes a dress that we have to admit is more than pretty... a certain something about its appearance that leaves us fumbling for a suitable word. Such a dress we met at MISS NAYLOR'S and though we have argued it is no more than a windbreaker, never before have we seen a windbreaker, before whose charm we were so completely disarmed. Lavender and grey with a dash of purple has always been a particular weakness of ours, and these three dominant colours are scrambled to make an outstanding creation destined for important things. The skirt is gored to spread like an umbrella, and comes in grey-mauve, with a softly shirred georgette blouse, splashed with flowers of purple and lavender tones. Touches of navy are sufficiently dominant to provide a wide belt of the same colour. And if fate has made a pocket Venus of you, you'll take amari to a navy and white checked ensemble with coffee jacket of the huz-ee-tight school. The young face is expressed in a white Peter Pan collar, floppy artist's bow, and full flared skirt. Just two out of many reasons why MISS NAYLOR'S should be on your list this week.



Women who catch cold easily, ought to respond heartily to the offer of a pretty little angora jacket for wear over their flimsy evening clothes. Trips in the ferry, in open cars, and up to the Peak demand something like this. In the Ladies Salon of LANE, CRAWFORD'S we were shown as lovely a batch as you'll ever find... incredibly fluffy boleros, and buttoned to the waist jackets, in blues and pinks, greens and yellows, or just plain white. There are some which go in for two colours at a time—right face and its blue, back face and its yellow. Jumper to wear with your favourite slacks on land or sea, are both smart and colourful. One gigantic red star is stitched on the front of a white model, while others go in for geometric patterns, and the ever popular polka dots. Short sleeves in all cases, and budget priced. So catch cold, if you will, but don't say we didn't put you on to the cutest and most sensible idea fashion has thought of in years.

You may not be beautiful but you can have poise in a statuesque chiffon formal of royal blue. Put yourself between this gown and the world, and not the least of your feelings will be a new confidence in your ability to meet the most discriminating of crowds. Staccato pleating, as sharp as a knife, trims the gently flared skirt, and a classic heart-shaped bodice, is outlined with one row of dainty ruffles and softly shirred on the bust. Topped with a gay taffeta jacket for dinner wear or outdoors. Strawberries and cream, in the colour of another sheer to which the young will respond. A diminutive heart-shaped bodice is outlined with rucking, and a fluffy feminine bolero carries out the same idea. At MRS. WILLY'S, in case you're interested. And because we know you're going to be interested—take a look at these day frocks, too. A natural linen, buttoned-down-the-front with colourful buttons, and teamed with a gay printed bolero mixing peasants and flowers. And a green-blue cotton with scalloping round the neck, and two lavender and purple flowers applied on either shoulder. New Princess lines noted in this one, including a zip opening in front. Room 324, Wang Hing, Metropole Hotel Building.



The pale faces that have somehow got by in the winter, will have to assume a different look now that Summer is here. Many clever women get over this by just going out and acquiring a sun-tan, but there are those who still think that to tan, means to suffer agonies of discomfort. That may have been so once, but not since the introduction of OLEANDER SUN-TAN CREAM, and other soothing emollients of its kind. Some there are which are manufactured for one specific purpose—to prevent blistering or roughening of the skin—but OLEANDER SUN-TAN CREAM, which is blended from an old and trusted formula, does the duty of many such oils or creams by not only protecting the skin, but promoting a rapid tan as well. Rubbed well into the skin before exposure, it is your absolute guarantee against all ills occasioned by sun wind and weather. And what is more, your skin acquires a smooth, healthy tan in less time than it would take otherwise. At \$1.50 for a generous sized tube, and sold at WATSON'S HONG KONG DISPENSARY.

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# I WAS A NAZI SPY

I became a Nazi spy for two reasons. First, I needed money; second, I wanted to become reinstated in the United States Army, from which I had deserted after having attained the rank of sergeant.

This may sound contradictory; but as my story unfolds you will see what a strange set of circumstances I faced. I was born on December 8, 1911, in Chicago, my father at that time being the secretary of the Austro-Hungarian Consulate General in that city.

In 1913 my parents took me to Europe, and we lived in various

countries, where my father served on consulate staffs.

## Glamorous Book

When the war broke out my family returned to Austria. In 1923, when I was only 18, I came to New York and claimed citizenship, which was my right because I was born in Chicago. Finding it hard to make a living, because I knew so little English, I joined the United States Army, from which I twice deserted. On the second occasion—in 1936—I went to New York, and while in the Public Library I came across a book on spying by a German.

The work seemed rather glamorous. Not that I was taken with the idea of stealing secrets from the United States, but rather was I possessed of a scheme by which I could be a counter-espionage agent for the U. S. Government, and, through working with a German spy ring, learn their identities, aid in their capture, and finally, win honour and reinstatement in the Army.

## Headquarters In Hamburg

I was anxious to be started, so I addressed a letter to the author, through one of the German newspapers, describing myself as a former U. S. Army officer, who would gladly be of service to the Fatherland, and hinting that I could easily present valuable facts. I suggested that if my desire for service was recognised, the German authorities should put an advertisement in the Personal Column of the "New York Times." I signed myself "Theodor Koerner." A reply duly appeared, and I was told to write to a Hamburg address. That meant that I was accepted. I was a German spy.

I wrote as instructed, and was asked to supply particulars about myself. Later I was asked for facts concerning the number of coast artillery regiments stationed in the Panama Canal zone. Since any tourist can ascertain these facts, I told what I knew. For this information I received \$8.

## Red-Headed Woman

I was sent one half of a French postcard, and on it was "SAN." When approached by anyone bearing the other half of this card, which had on it "DERS" (the other half of the word "Sanders"), I was to recognise the person as a German agent.

In this manner I met several contact men and a young red-headed woman hairdresser, Miss Johanna Hofman, and it was arranged that she was to visit me and collect whatever information I had to send to the spy chiefs in Germany.

From time to time I was asked for information which I was not in a position to give. They wanted coastal defence plans of the U. S. Atlantic sea-board, the Panama Canal zone, the strength of the forces in the Philippine Islands, advance information about Fleet movements and the names of military folk in the States who might be "bought."

## Secret Code

Later on, I was to get more serious requests. I was offered \$200 for Coastguard mobilisation plans, and another \$200 if I could get certain data about U. S. destroyers. In October, 1937, I was assured that I could have \$10 a month regular salary. It was about this time that I wrote to a friend named Erich Glaser, who was in the U. S. Army, attached to a military aeroplane station on Long Island. I told him about my supplying information to Germany, and he promised his aid in my spying schemes.

One day he gave me two pages of signals of the code used by the U. S. Army for communication between military aircraft and their stations. I received a small sum of money from the German Secret

Service for this information, and I gave Erich half of it.

## Daring Plan

In January, 1938, a spy "contact-man" from Hamburg asked me if it was possible to get hold of the U. S. plans for the defence of its Eastern sea-board, and particularly New York State. I told him that abridged plans might be in the possession of commanding officers of the coast artillery stations in New York.

He suggested that I draft a message relating to a fictitious emergency staff meeting called by the Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army. The meeting was to be held in an hotel in Manhattan. The message was to be 'phoned to Co-

## By Guenther Rumrich

Colonel Eglin, then commander of the 62nd Regiment, who would be "ordered" to bring mobilisation and defence plans, in strictest secrecy to the hotel.

## Poison Gas Cylinder

Meanwhile a room would be rented by us at the hotel. At the right moment the Colonel was to be rendered insensible by means of poison gas from a cylinder. We would then take what documents we could find on the officer and, leaving evidence that the whole thing had been executed by Communists, make our escape.

Later on, however, after conversation with Glaser, I became convinced that the idea was too fantastic, and its execution was never attempted.

We little knew, then, that the authorities were ready to arrest us as soon as we made the telephone call to Colonel Eglin—that even then we were being shadowed everywhere!

## "Presidential Order"

I was then ordered to secure the construction plans for the aircraft carriers Enterprise and Yorktown, then in course of construction, and was promised a large sum of money if I were successful.

I decided upon desperate methods. I clipped a newspaper reproduction of a White House letter sent to the Japanese authorities in protest at the sinking of the gunboat Panay in China and wrote to Hamburg to have the official stationery of the President copied. I gave detailed instructions how to reproduce both the envelope and the letterhead, and asked for a small quantity at once.

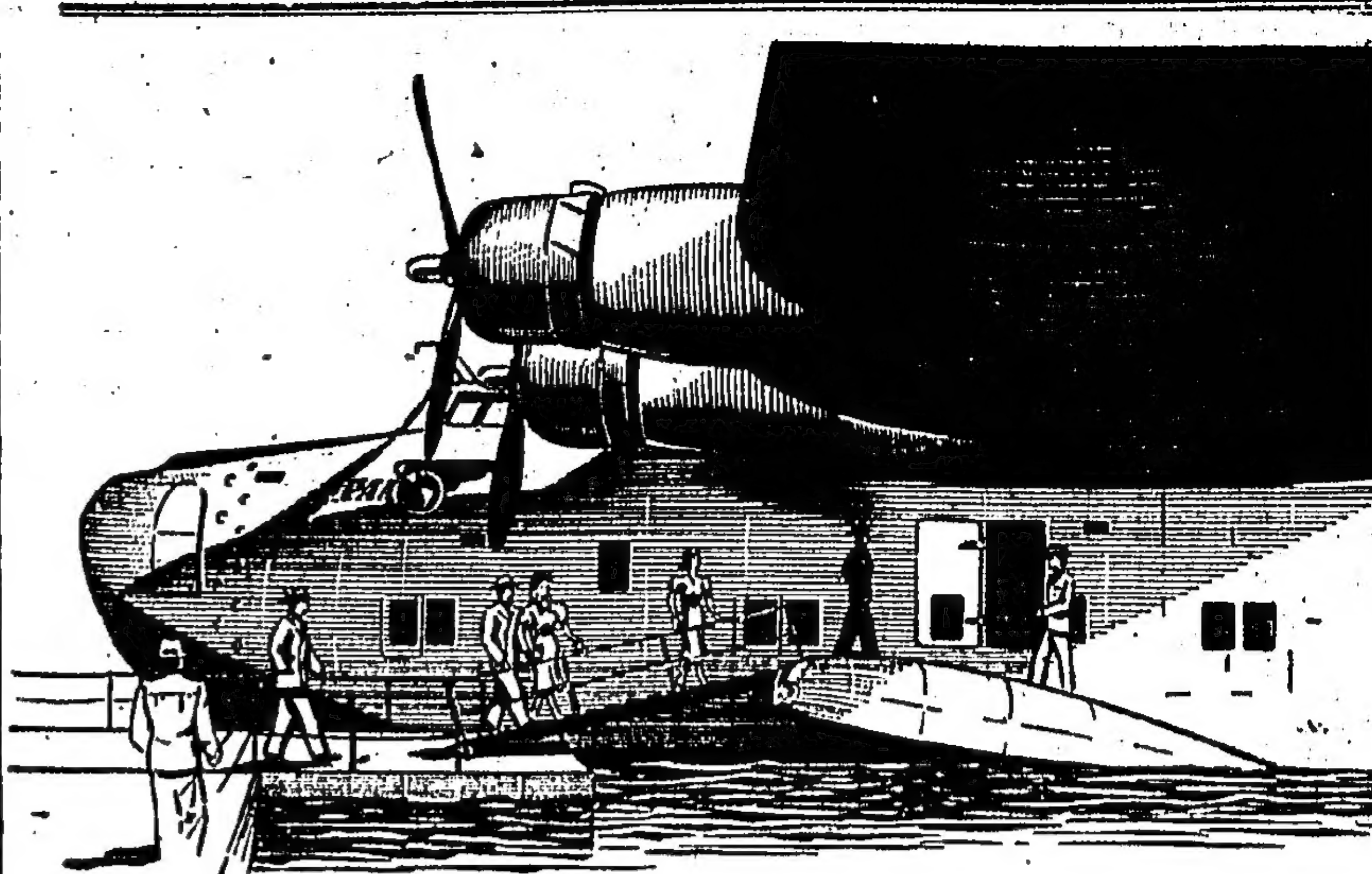
With this stationery I planned to write to the U. S. officials holding the blueprint plans of the two aircraft carriers, and secure them by "Presidential order." As it happened, my plans never materialised.

## Jessie Jordan

After my arrest, the Federal Grand Jury indicted 18 persons for espionage, including myself. It was with quite a shock that I learned that Mrs. Jessie Jordan, of Dundee, Scotland, through whom I had been sending my letters to my employers in Hamburg, had been caught and sentenced to four years' imprisonment. The British Intelligence officer, it transpired, had opened all my letters sent through Mrs. Jordan, and had told the U. S. authorities of our projected attack on Colonel Eglin. Agents were waiting to arrest me had I telephoned him according to plan.

Anyway, I blushed guilty to the charge against me, and am ready to serve my sentence of two years' imprisonment.

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## Charlie Chaplin May Buy His Old Home

### It's In The Market In London

Charlie Chaplin, millionaire pioneer of comic films, may buy the house near Lambeth-walk, in which he spent some of his early days. A letter is on its way to his home at Beverly Hills, Hollywood, giving him the opportunity of doing so.

If he rejects the offer, the house where his mother scraped together pennies to buy him food, and to which he took home his first earnings as a member of a concert party troupe, may shortly be demolished.

The house, 3, Pownall-terrace, Kennington-road, London, is one of the eight remaining houses of a terrace which has already been cut in half to make room for a cinema, the Regal.

Now the rest of the terrace is for sale.

"The Union Cold Storage Company negotiated for the property to use the site for a factory, but London County Council intervened," Mr. Rutley, of Messrs. Douglas Young, the estate agents handling the property, said to a reporter. "The L.C.C. wanted the site kept for residential purposes, and so that houses are in the market."

#### BUILT IN 1800

"The houses, built in 1800, have each seven rooms and a scullery. They are let at 18s. a week, and are being offered for sale in one lot, as they stand, for £2,750."

"On Charlie Chaplin's rare visits to this country one of his first calls is always to his old home, and so I have written to him to give him the first opportunity of buying the house for preservation."

Living in the basement is old Mrs. Phelps, who has lived there for thirty-five years.

"Charlie, bless him. Of course, I remember him," she said.

#### HIS ATTIC ROOM

"He had the attic. It's empty now. I must try to do it up a bit to let again."

"When Charlie came to see us on his last visit, he saw Mrs. Reynolds, who took the attic when Charlie and his mother left. He gave her £5. She lived in the attic for more than twenty years and died a year or so ago."

"Charlie, his mother and his brother Syd came to live here from across the way, 287, Kennington-road."

## EVIL SPIRITS STOP PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT

Port Moresby, Yesterday.

The annual report of the Lieutenant-Governor of Papua, Sir Hubert Murray, just tabled here, reveals that a plan for a road and bridge in a certain valley was dropped because natives believed that trees in the valley were protected by an evil spirit called Iawame.

Natives believed that Iawame punished with insanity or paralysis anybody interfering with the trees.

The report states: "In view of the attitude of Iawame, the construction of the road and the bridge will not be insisted on."

## RATION CARDS FOR BRITAIN PREPARED

London, Yesterday.

The Food (Defence Plans) Department, which would automatically become the Ministry of Food if the occasion ever arose to put into effect a scheme of rationing, will in the next few weeks complete their system of long-range planning.

They will have at hand 80,000-000 ration cards in booklet form. The new cards specify meat, butter, cooking fats, bacon and sugar as the commodities that would be liable to be rationed at the outset of an emergency.

However, the cards can be adapted if the need arose for the inclusion of other commodities. — Our Own Correspondent.

## LARGEST WAR GAMES EVER

London, Yesterday.

Britain's army manoeuvres, to be held next August and September in Yorkshire, will be the largest ever held in the country.

For the first time since the Great War, a Russian General is expected to be present—officially denials notwithstanding. He is Marshal Voroshilov, Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Army. — Our Own Correspondent.

## Grandi To Leave London

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

COUNT GRANDI, THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR, IS NOT LIKELY TO STAY IN LONDON MUCH LONGER.

He is booked as successor to Achille Starace, Secretary-General to the Fascist.

His recent outbreak to a private gathering at the Italian Embassy, in which he bitterly attacked France, was, in fact, an "alibi" speech to prove his fitness for that important appointment.

That was why it was given such wide publicity in Italy, where Count Grandi's name has been freely associated with the view of Marshal Balbo, Governor of Libya, that the Fascist regime—and the nation with it—can only meet disaster if it persists in a policy of Axis-aggrandisement. — Our Own Correspondent.

## SELF-DENYING ORDINANCE FOR M.P.'S

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

ALREADY THERE ARE SIGNS THAT THE SPEAKER'S ADVICE TO MINISTERS AND M.P.'S TO MAKE SHORTER SPEECHES HAS MADE SOME IMPRESSION.

During the lengthy debates on foreign affairs this past week, many Members successfully restricted themselves in debate to 20 minutes or less.

If a new proposal for a self-denying ordinance is adopted, 20 minutes will become the accepted limit.

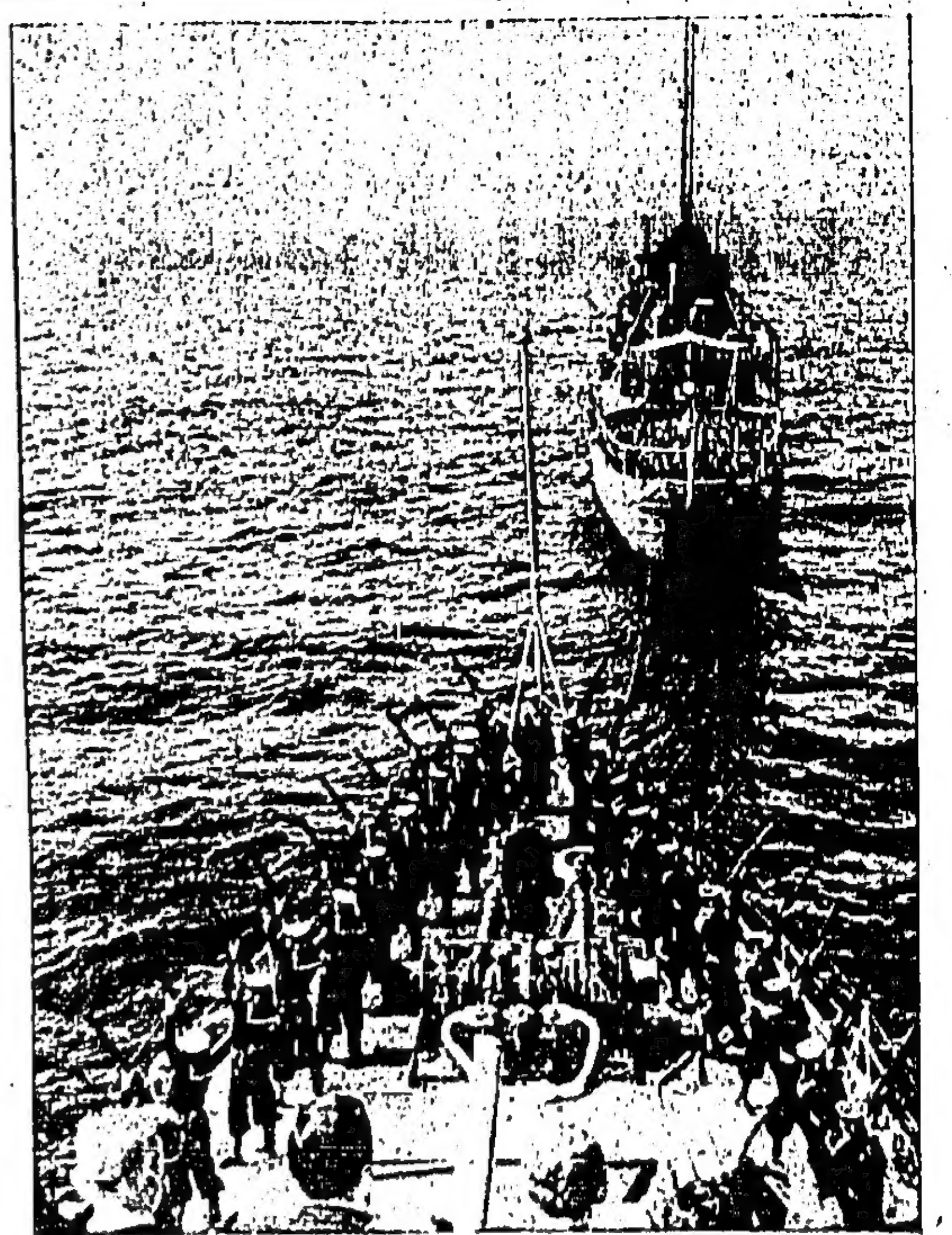
Scots M.P.'s have voluntarily imposed a timetable for each speaker during certain Scottish debates.

Now six Labour M.P.'s including Miss Ellen Wilkinson, have submitted a resolution that, with the exception of Ministers introducing Bills, leave of the House must be obtained for any other Member to speak for more than 20 minutes. — Our Own Correspondent.

## A.R.P. HELPS CRIME

London, Yesterday.

Mr. John Maxwell, the Chief Constable, says that crime has increased in Manchester because A.R.P. work takes up too much of the police force's time. — Our Own Correspondent.



The mine-sweeper Hebe on June 7 took 200 relatives of the 98 men who perished in the submarine "Thetis" to the spot of the disaster in Liverpool Bay for a Memorial Service. Photo shows Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, the Minister for Agriculture, and not the defence heads. — Our Own Correspondent.

## VARSITIES AND CONSCRIPTION

London, Yesterday.

Chancellors of various universities have had an interview with Mr. Ernest Brown at which, it is believed, they suggested that university students might do their six months' compulsory military training in successive years in two periods of three months each, coinciding if possible with the long vacation.

It is understood that Mr. Brown did not hold out to them any great hopes that this plan might be adopted. — Our Own Correspondent.

## BUSIEST CABINET MINISTER

London, Yesterday.

The busiest Cabinet Minister in the next few weeks will be, it may surprise some people to learn, Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, the Minister for Agriculture, and not the defence heads.

Sir Reginald has a "plateful" of legislation to get through before the session ends, and in order to do so he is, it is understood, preparing to depart from precedent. To save Parliamentary time it is his intention to group most of his new Bills in an omnibus measure of a novel kind. — Our Own Correspondent.

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An Outspoken Writer Lifts The Veil Over The British And Russian Pact Negotiations, And Reveals The Strategy That Would Save The World From A Devastating War

# Penetrating The London-Soviet Veil

THE veil to which Mr. Chamberlain referred the other day still hangs between London and Moscow, as yet impenetrable. So much we have learned from M. Molotov's speech to the Soviet Parliament.

Some progress, he conceded, has been made towards the conclusion of the Grand Alliance that is to face the Axis, but the old suspicions are not removed, and the disastrous delays continue. This atmosphere of suspicion may well ruin the whole enterprise. What we have all hoped from this alliance was that it may serve as a means of preventing any future European war, by rendering aggression an adventure dangerous even for such a gambler as Hitler.

He is a shrewd and cynical observer. He watches London, Moscow and Warsaw and takes their measure. The more they advertise their mutual distrust, the less will this alliance, when it is finally concluded, deter him.

He will argue that the same suspicions that haunt us to-day will hamper our collaboration

to ours. But there are still "qualifications" which disturb M. Molotov.

He did not mention them more precisely, but he probably referred to the introduction into these negotiations of the League's Covenant. This Government of ours destroyed the League: why does it now call up its ghost?

There was no Axis in existence when the Covenant was drafted: in the world of to-day its sanctions are so inadequate as to be meaningless.

The Russians may be pardoned, if they ask themselves whether Sir Samuel Hoare's colleagues propose in some future emergency to give them the sort of help they gave to Abyssinia. Nothing is gained by dragging in this obsolete Article XVI and the dilatory Geneva procedure.

The other difficulty that M. Molotov mentioned turns on the peculiar problem of the three Baltic Border States. The draft pact guarantees Poland and Rumania, and is, therefore, an indirect protection to Russia.

But students of strategy believe that the Germans if they do decide to attack Russia, will do it by land, air and sea in the Baltic region. For this purpose they would violate without scruple the neutrality of Latvia, Estonia and Finland.

ALLIES IN EARNEST These little States are too weak to defend themselves, and may not dare to resist. Then is Germany to be allowed to use them as a base? To this question London and Paris have a partially satisfactory answer.

Their draft Pact proposes to guarantee against aggression any European State that asks for aid and is prepared to defend itself. That covers the case of Latvia and the rest, if they will accept this guarantee, and if they would be prepared to resist.

But (so it is said) they fear to accept any guarantee, since by so doing they might enrage Hitler. In plain words, when they look at the solid and resolute given with suspicion, they are not sure which is the stronger.

The first answer to this difficulty is that when once the three Great Powers are solidly united these doubts and trimmings will cease. But plainly, provision must be made in the military convention for joint action, if the neutrality of these States should be violated.

If this is done for the Baltic States, it should also be done for Holland, Belgium and Switzerland.

In his speech at Southport, Mr. Bevin looked into the future and proposed that on the basis of this defensive alliance we should erect a structure of economic co-operation.

Even from a military standpoint it will be of little use unless we do so. Allies who are in earnest must pool all their resources—raw materials, credit, shipping and their manufacturing capacity, as well as their warships, planes and manpower.

And this we would wish to do not merely that we may be strong, if war is forced upon us, but still more that we may be mutually helpful in peace.

We should wish, if ever we get a Government of the Left, to make of this alliance what the League never was and never could be—a Co-operative Union, in plain words a Federation, that would aim, by planning on an international scale, at raising the standard of life of all its member-populations.

Our first thoughts should go in that connection to the Colonial peoples. TO RULE, NOT SHARE It is, however, an illusion to suppose that we can domesticate the Fascist Dictatorships by offering to share economic advantages with them.

They want guns, not butter. Their aim is not the welfare of their populations but crude power. The ability to dominate others. They aim solely at the aggrandisement of their own race or State, and profess a nationalism so absolute that it is a waste of print with all our forces we and the French will consent to make, if or's ink to discuss their entry into any international grouping form-

ed to promote the common good. To offer them access to markets and raw materials is merely to misunderstand what they are. They mean to rule and not to share. Labour can have nothing to do with any suggestion for reviving the Van Zeeland plan or the F.B.I.'s trade alliance with German industry.

Those who indulge in these day-dreams of appeasement are apt to forget that Japan is still destroying China, that the Fuehrer and Duce hold down the Czechs and the Spaniards, and, above all, that the German workers are enslaved.

The hopeful strategy is to build an alliance which will forbid to Hitler any further conquests. Then, as the years go by without the dramatic successes that have dazzled the German nation at in-

tervals of six months, the hold of this magician over its imagination must weaken.

"Of what use now," Germans will begin to ask, "are the guns?" And they will call for butter. When power no longer intoxicates, barracks life will become not only burdensome but meaningless.

Then, if we have managed our propaganda adroitly, and built our alliance with a civilian as well as a military purpose, the time will have come to suggest to the German masses that a change in their Government would open the doors to a new way of life.

That would be the ideal strategy. With skill and patience and an iron will it might end by liberating Europe without war. But I should deceive the reader if I led him to suppose that the present rulers of Britain or France are likely to pursue it.

They have, disastrously late, realised that they must resist the military power of Germany. But Fascism is not yet for them the enemy.

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By H. N. BRAILSFORD

when the hour for action strikes. This Power will throw only a grudging contribution into the common stock: the other will move with deliberate slowness.

The Poles (he may argue) or the Rumanians will accept from the Red Army only a minimum of help. There will be (so he may reckon) no unity of command, no loyal co-ordination of effort. In such conditions forces that would be irresistible, if they could be mobilised for instant and united action, might prove to be ineffective.

A daring and skilful commander in absolute control of all the resources of the Axis might decide to take this risk, and attempt by a series of lightning strokes to destroy this unwieldy and discordant alliance, before it could achieve cohesion.

There lies the danger of these dilatory and suspicious proceedings. So far from deterring the enemy, they may in fact tempt him to attack.

## ARRAY OF POWERS

Few of us have yet realised that we are facing in the Fascist Axis an alliance more intimate and absolute than Europe has ever known in the past.

It is much more than a defensive Pact. It is meant to serve for aggression as well as defence, for Fascists laugh at such moral distinctions.

Wherever it can impose its authority, it will destroy freedom of thought with democracy and the workers' right to act together. Already, in a time of nominal peace, it has achieved complete unity of command and the pooling of all industrial resources.

In face of this array of power, that can set half a continent in motion when the Fuehrer gives the word to march, the best we can do is to inform our rejoicing adversaries how profoundly we distrust each other.

What, then, is amiss? Chiefly the record of the National Government. That we all carry in our memories with anger and shame. But facts do alter policies, and men adjust themselves, some slowly, some swiftly.

The Soviet Government reversed its entire international policy in 1934 with astonishing quickness, when it realised what Hitler's rise to power implied.

It broke with its own past, by joining the League, and concluding an alliance with the capitalist French Republic. With disastrous slowness our own Tories have also reversed themselves. It is a miracle that they should at last contemplate, even reluctantly, an alliance with a Communist Power. That miracle, however, has happened.

## STAFF TALKS VITAL

But it is not merely vague suspicion that stands in the way; there are detailed difficulties. The chief obstacle has been removed. It is now agreed that the obligations of the three Great Powers shall be equal and reciprocal.

In plain words, the central idea of the proposed alliance is that with all our forces we and the French will consent to make, if or's ink to discuss their entry into any international grouping form-

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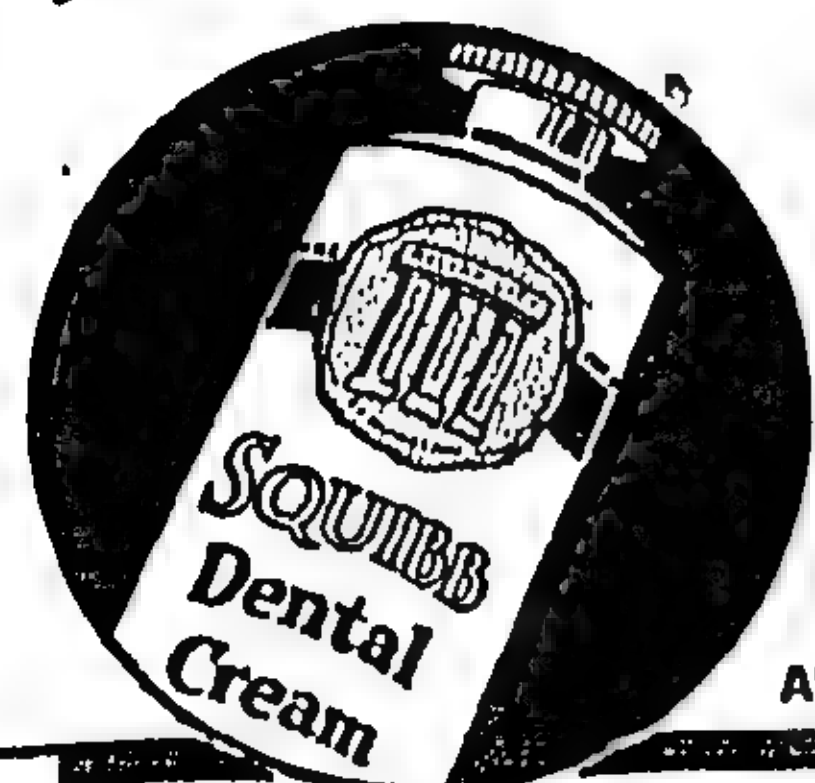
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What do YOU steal? Now don't exclaim indignantly, "I never steal." Think a moment. Do you, for instance, furnish the home with office pens and pencils?

## What Do YOU Steal?

If somebody wants a pencil, it's so easy to say: "Oh, take this, No, really; I can get another." Or, perhaps, it is "This needs a new nib. I'll bring a few home; not worth buying a box."

Or blotting paper. Such a bore buying odd sheets from a local shop. Carbon paper, too, often arrives "one in the same way."

Do you clean the car, or water the garden, without paying the extra water rate?

Do you travel first-class with a third-class ticket? Or "third-class without any ticket at all? When you take a bus, do you go past your fare stage and say it's not thieving, just commonsense?

I saw this happen yesterday. A man I know by sight got up to alight just as the bus left the stage at which his ticket expired. Then he made his way gradually to the exit, and stood on the step with a wistful expression, "distressed" because the bus going too quickly for him to alight. He knew, of course, that the bus would be at his "stop" before it could slow down enough for him to jump off.

### A Common Practice

Filling fountain-pens at post-offices is a common practice. Well, it cost only a fraction of a penny, you say. But wouldn't you explode if the girl behind the counter

charged you one and a penny for a shillingworth of stamps?

I met a retired business man recently who boasted that he did none of these tricks. He had never even used office stamps and stationery for personal correspondence. I didn't think to ask, but perhaps he could claim never to have secured for friends special wholesale terms intended solely for the staff. But I have discovered that this chap is not as virtuous as he thinks he is. It happened like this.

### Asks John Devon

Our road was up the other day, and in the early stages paving stones were deposited at various parts. Now my business friend has lately been making a rocky, and those paving stones attracted him.

So he transferred two of them to his back garden. He found a neighbour doing the same thing. They helped each other to carry them.

### Strange Reasoning

I also know a very generous man who always brings home the soups from his hotel bedroom. "They'll have to put out fresh

cakes for the next person, any way," he says. Strange reasoning.

Another acquaintance, when he has a meal on the train, fills his pocket with lump sugar, saying, "I could munch it all day!" He could smoke all day—yet he doesn't steal cigarettes! Somehow, that would be more conspicuous. Yet he would be most indignant if you called him a thief.

"If I put thirty lumps of sugar in my coffee they couldn't stop me," he'd say. True, but it's also true that real charges are based upon normal appetites.

Many folk, of more than comfortable income, never dream of writing a letter at home. Club stationery is used for all correspondence, even for bills.

Did you ever sit twice through a cinema programme? After all, there's nothing about it on the ticket and the management is unlikely to spot you. But wouldn't you think it an outrage if they charged you against as you went out? Yet they may have lost the money of a patron turned away.

Why not keep the tennis balls that come over from next door? They'll come in handy for knocking about on the beach, unless, of course, they're conspicuously branded!

### Reception Room Thefts

I worked once for a distinguished publisher. He planned a fine

reception room for visitors and clients. It was impossible to enter this room without having satisfied a reception clerk at the entrance. So all who waited there were people of some importance.

Armchairs were provided, and tables which bore the latest publications of the firm. They were not popular novels, but serious, non-fiction books; expensive, weighty, conspicuous.

There was no exit from that room without re-passing the alert clerk. Even so, books were stolen every day.

I know a man who prides himself on his integrity. He even reminds a waiter who has charged him too little of the mistake. His one economy is hotels.

He makes no complaint against the restricted fare and meagre accommodation, but he does object to the dim light in the bedrooms.

In his travelling case he always keeps a very high-powered bulb. This he substitutes for the modest consumption 30 or 40-watt bulb provided.

Stealing electricity? Not a bit of it, he'd argue. True he always removes his bulb before he goes down to breakfast each morning, but that, of course, is—well, in case the chambermaid should get to know about his little idea.

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### Candidus Says

## Young Generation Thinks Too Much Of Safety First

THERE is this to be said for the Dictators, that they make no pretence to their people that the path along which they are leading them is or will be an easy one.

Nearly every speech by Mussolini is an exhortation to the Italians, naturally an easy-going and tolerant people, to live dangerously; Hitler wants the youth of Germany to scorn delights and live laborious days in order that they may grow into hard men capable of fighting Germany's battles.

You get nothing out of this world, his doctrine seems to be, except what you give to it from yourself; even those who seem to get the good things without giving anything only postpone the day of payment, for they grow soft in the process and fall an easy prey later.

### WARNING AND REBUKE

The doctrine as it is applied by the Dictators blows like a bitter east wind through the world, but there is enough truth in it to make one wish that it was directed towards better purposes than turning the world upside down.

At the same time, it is a warning and perhaps a rebuke to the democracies.

If the unfree countries are willing to strain themselves by overwork and under-feeding for the lust of power, how much reader countries which have the liberty of choice should be to deny themselves present ease in order to preserve their liberties and confirm their happier ways of life.

A friendly but critical correspondent holds up for our imitation the German teaching that youth has its duties to the State as well as its privileges.

"On human, moral and rational grounds," he writes, "it is high time that we put our own house in order," and adds that it is mostly the youth of military age who have dodged enlisting.

### PUZZLING CONTRAST

There is apparently statistical confirmation of that view. The Territorials have no lack of recruits of thirty and over; the shortage is in those about twenty, and my correspondent thinks that this shortage is evidence of something wrong in their moral.

I am not disposed to question his contention that they will benefit morally and physically by compulsory training, but I confess that I am puzzled by this alleged contrast between the character of the twenties and thirties.

Even the thirty-fives were too young to take part in the Great War which ended more than twenty years ago; and if there is this difference between the character of the two age-classes, it can only be because older men remember the anxiety of the war and the younger generation is influenced only by the disillusionment which came with the peace.

It is often said that only a generation which has not known war will willingly engage in another, but if it be true that there are more "slackers" among the young men, those who know more of the last war are more alive to their duty to the State in its present dangers. How are we to explain that?

### STRONGER HOLD

The only rational explanation is that the younger men have been subjected to the full force of the reaction that followed the war. To men who are thirty to thirty-five now the war is still seen through the boyish recollections of a terrible but great adventure.

The younger men now (if we may take it as a fact that it is they who are hanging back) have lived all their lives in the delusion that the battle for liberty had been finally won, that no further effort would be necessary, and that the new generation had a right to the quiet life for which their fathers had fought.

It is undoubtedly the fact that "safety first" has a stronger hold on the rising generation than on the older men whose lives overlapped into the last war; you see it not in public affairs, but in their choice of a career for themselves. The first instinct is to play for safety. The State is conceived as an earthly providence which gives ninetynine for fourpence and guarantees its citizens against the risks of life.

I do not believe in the conservative doctrine of strength through suffering, but if there is substance in these criticisms of the rising generation, undoubtedly it is a weakness that we should do well to mark and remedy.

The State, after all, is only the sum of the individuals that compose it.

It can give no more than it receives, and it is the duty of every one to give everything that lies in his power in order that all may preserve and, if possible, improve their heritage.

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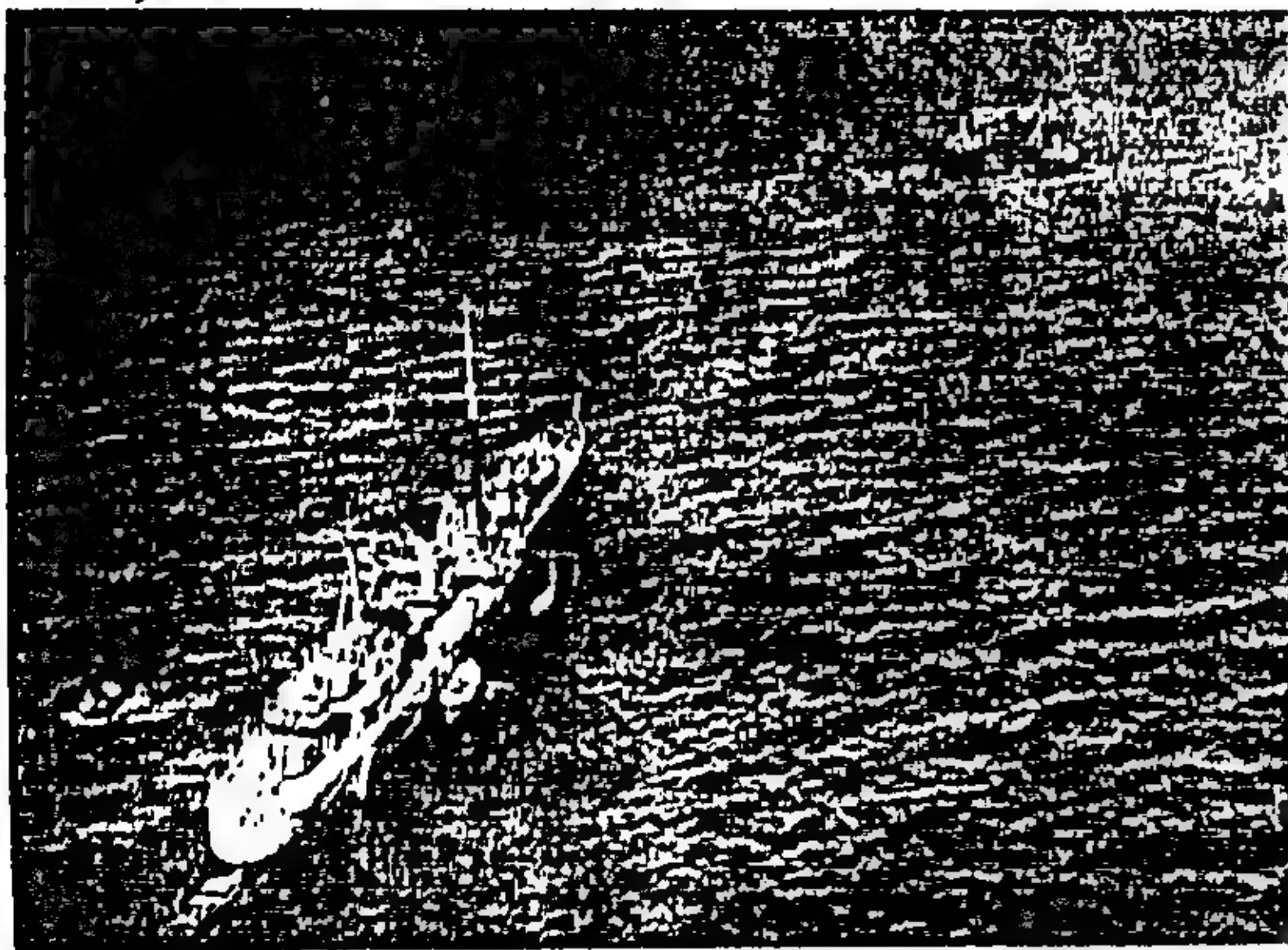
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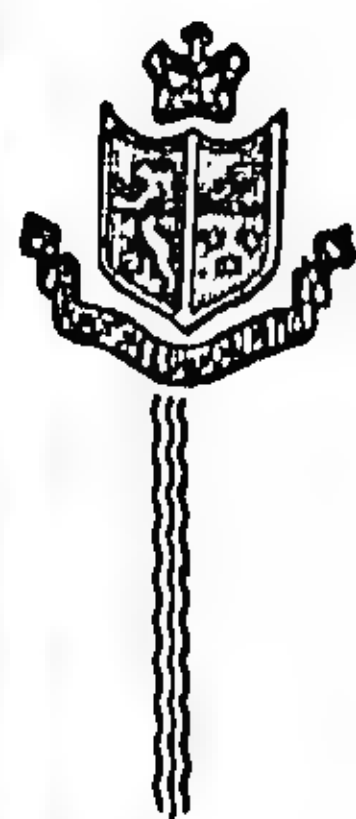
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## PRODIGIOUS ARMS OUTPUT IN BRITAIN

### PRODUCTION AT EXPRESS SPEED

London, Yesterday.

Although an air of intense secrecy surrounds British armaments production, not only in the press but in Ministers' speeches, there is every reason to believe that Britain is far exceeding the most optimistic hopes in this line. While the peak of organised production has not yet quite been reached, the output of the country's armament works is prodigious.

Planes, tanks, ships, guns and munitions are being turned out at express speed.

Noteworthy is the supply of the new Bren machineguns to the Territorial battalions.

#### NO LONGER A CURIO

Even now, whereas a few months ago a Bren gun was an army curio, and treated as such, the Territorial Infantry is already supplied with one Bren to every six men.

That means roughly between six and seven hundred Brens per battalion.

The Air Ministry, meanwhile, remains "mum" when approached for aircraft production figures, but the figure of 750 planes a month is a conservative estimate.

—Our Own Correspondent.

### COMPULSORY VOTING AGITATION

London, Yesterday.

The recent agitation for some sort of compulsory voting at elections has been revived in the past few days.

Two members of Parliament are now considering fresh ways of making all voters take their legislative responsibilities seriously.

One of them, a member of the House of Lords, is wondering how to be able to exercise any legislative responsibilities at all.

The M. P. is Sir Frank Sanderson, who formerly sat for Darwen but now represents Ealing. He wants voting to be compulsory.

The Peer is Lord Dillon. He is one of the 61 Irish Peers who are utterly disfranchised. He would like something done about it.

—Our Own Correspondent.

### NEW CIVIL AVIATION RUMPUS

London, Yesterday.

There is going to be a new rumpus over civilian aviation soon, it is reported to-day.

A new attack will be led by Mr. W. E. Perkins, M. P. for Stroud, whose onslaught last year on the backward condition of the industry led to the setting up of the Cadman Commission of Inquiry, the recommendations of which were later accepted by the Government.

Mr. Perkins and other air authorities are perturbed it is understood, by the relapse into comparative apathy of civil aviation policy generally and lack of stimulus in high quarters.—Our Own Correspondent.

### LUCKY MINISTRY OF SUPPLY

London, Yesterday.

The Ministry of Supply, when it gets down to functioning properly, is going to be one of the luckiest Government Departments in London.

Its staff of several hundreds is to be accommodated in the Brand new Adelphi Building.

They will occupy the upper floors, with view over the whole of South London and a scenic background of some 40 miles from Blackheath to the south-east, round to the North Downs above Guildford to the south-west.

It is not known what rent the Government is paying for this up-to-date accommodation.—Our Own Correspondent.

### NEW JOB

London, Yesterday.

It is understood that Dr. A. E. Morgan, who has been in charge of the special officers, appointed by the Ministry of Labour to publicise the National Service campaign, is shortly to take on a new job.

This is that of District Commissioner for the Special Area for Durham and Tyneside, where he will succeed the present Commissioner, Mr. Colin Forbes Adam.—Our Own Correspondent.

### NEW AIR STAFF TALKS LIKELY

London, Yesterday.

Recent events which forebode the creation of a unified Italian-German air command may lead to new conversations between the British, French and Polish air Staffs.

One topic which is already being discussed unofficially is the establishment of depots for Allied aircraft in Western Poland.—Our Own Correspondent.

### Britain Wants American Secret

London, Yesterday.

BRITISH submarine experts are keen to get details of the American diving bell which was used so successfully in the rescue of the men from the submarine Squalus.

The system is one with which the Admiralty salvage experts carried out a large number of experiments in the early days of submarines without solving the problem of inter-communication between the bell and the submarine.

In theory the method is perfectly clear, but the practical working out of the details beats them.—Our Own Correspondent.

### A.R.P. DRIVE

London, Yesterday.

Intensification of the A.R.P. instructional and publicity drive throughout the country is planned.

The new campaign will seek to correct the attitude of apathy among considerable sections of the public.—Our Own Correspondent.

## GOVERNMENT GETS PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN UNDER WAY

London, Yesterday.

The usual Summer political campaign in support of the "National" Government appears to be on a bigger scale this year.

Party managers are not likely to have overlooked the fact that a General Election is not now far off, and may come sooner than some people think.

Much depends on the degree of settlement attained in the international situation.

In the rival political camps there is evidence of active preparation.

More than ever throughout the next few months, the Government campaign will take the form of politics in the open air.

#### AFTER OCTOBER 15

An exceptionally large number of meetings have been arranged. The "Yorkshire Post," which is connected with Mr. Anthony Eden and is usually well informed, says:

"It has been known for some time that Government party headquarters have been basing their plans on the assumption that a General Election will be held in November.

"Such an assumption cannot, in these difficult days, be rigid. But it is now clear that all the leading parties expect that the Government will appeal to the country in the Autumn."

"In the Autumn" is taken to mean after October 15, when the new voting register comes into force.

#### NEW BILL

Meanwhile, from an influential Labour source, it is learned that Opposition circles do not entirely

rule out the possibility that the Government may, if European tension continues for many more months, introduce a Bill to prolong the life of the Government beyond the normal span of five years.

The Bill would be introduced, if at all, this year or at the beginning of next year.

The suggestion is that power would be taken to extend the term of office by one year.—Our Own Correspondent.

### CIVIL SERVICE TO SLEEP IN COMFORT

London, Yesterday.

It was officially admitted in Whitehall yesterday that arrangements are being made for the installation of beds in Government offices in the event of war.

Officials who live close by will be expected to billet colleagues who live some distance out of town.—Our Own Correspondent.

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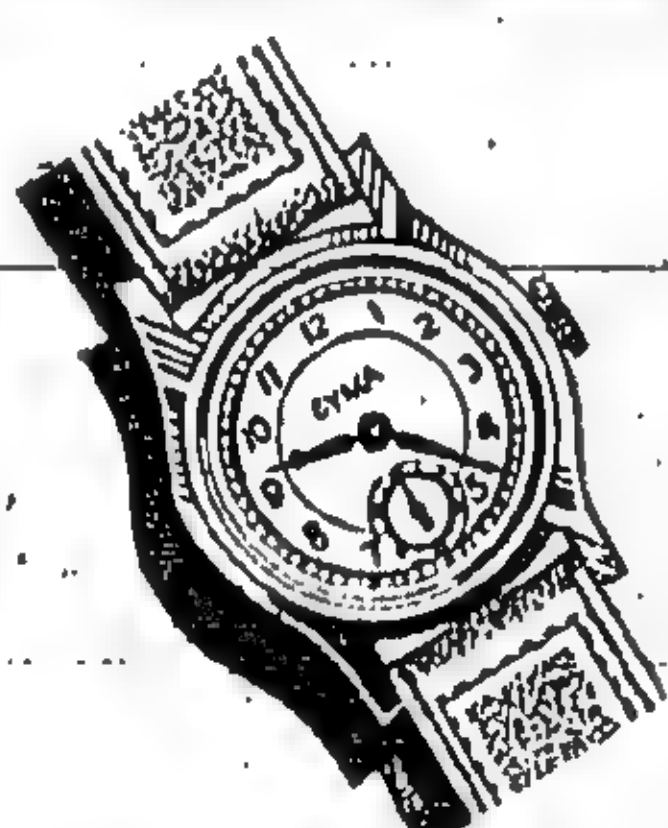
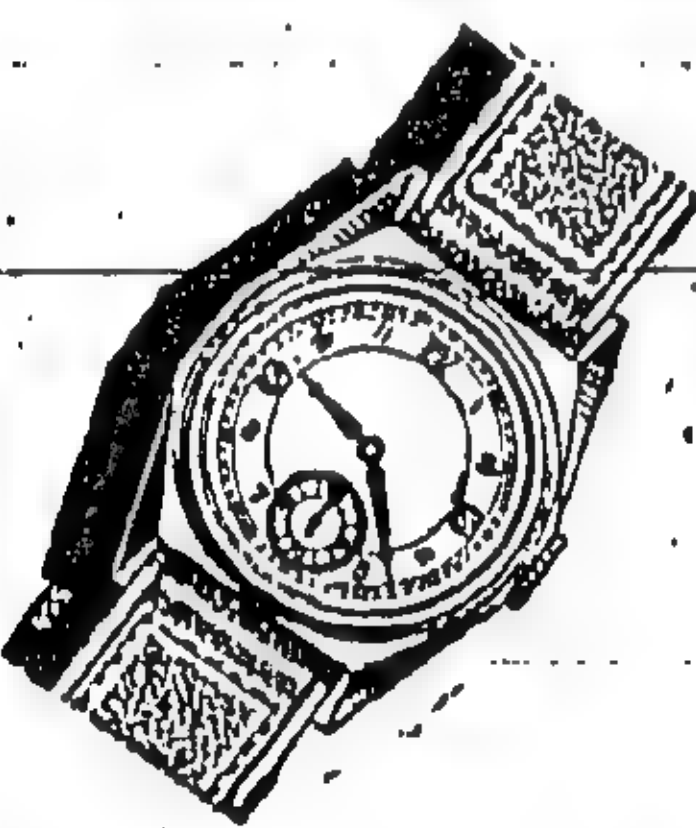
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## BLOODLESS WAR

THE present world war, which has been waging now for five years—such was an expression used recently by a distinguished soldier, General Sir Henry Kyrle. He did not amplify his meaning, but it was clear that he was not referring merely to Ethiopia, China and Spain; the countries where actual fighting has taken place, but to a much larger field of operations where conquests have been achieved in some cases without firing a shot.

If an army appears in the field and the army of the other side retreats before it, that is an operation of war. If in consequence of this parade of force, a country is occupied and made subject, that is conquest. If to skillful disposal of superior force is added skillful diplomacy or propaganda which divides possible opponents and makes them fear resistance, that must be regarded as part of the strategy employed by military leaders.

The object of war is to obtain certain objectives by force. If the conquest is achieved without bloodshed, so much the better for the conqueror; but the warlike character of his action is not altered. Austria, Czechoslovakia and Albania may be regarded as incidents in a larger operation of bloodless war, in which some governments are manoeuvring for position so that they may find themselves at each move still more strongly placed for new (bloodless) conquests. The other side, of course, may call "check-mate," and the strategem may be frustrated.

No doubt it would be a blessing to humanity, if wars must be fought, that they should be fought without killing. But the prospect that such skirmishing may at any moment turn into real slaughter is always present. Therefore, it is all the more important that everyone should appreciate what is happening, and understand that the heaping up of armaments, the drilling of men, the measuring of huge forces and all the paraphernalia of war preparation are a part of the war operation, and that while they go on there is no peace.

If we realise that the present state of affairs is itself war, we are in a better position for approaching the problem of pacification. The first task of the peacemaker is to end the present war and lay plans for a treaty of peace.

## ROYAL HOMECOMING

Their Majesties the King and Queen are on their way home, where a reception as enthusiastic as any they received in the New World awaits them.

It has been an historic and successful tour of two people who bear, in so high a spirit, a responsibility unparalleled in the world. These have been pomp, but no hauteur; poise with pleasantness, the dignity of utter seriousness. These were the qualities which impressed Americans both in Canada and the United States. It is probable that no Royalty have ever won the hearts of the American Continent as did our King and Queen; probable, too, that no other rulers could have done so.

We have been shown that America has appreciated a King and Queen who are both sweet and unassuming but quietly strong. America has liked our rulers with their love of home, their sense of loyalty and their fund of ideals. These are the qualities that make a people great, whether in Britain, the Dominions or the United States. In that fact is the strongest tie of Empire.

It is not merely in the person of the King that the Empire has its living head but also in the common tradition of fair play and devotion to duty that the far-flung members of the Commonwealth—whether Canada, South Africa or Australia—speak the common language of the Mother Country.

These are qualities that tie not merely Britain and Canada but that make Britain, America and the whole world kin.

There is a great deal of weariness in Europe to-day. This may appear astonishing to those who

think that war has not been declared anywhere in Europe so far. The fact, however, that Europe is as weary as if we had three years of world war behind us. This does not mean to say that the threat of a real world war has passed; it does mean that there is a greater interest in work, in the soil and in the welfare of the family than in war news. Furthermore, the moves of the Dictators and the slow counter-moves of the Democratic Powers have in fact produced an atmosphere of camouflaged warfare in which the Spaniards, Albanians and Czechs were the first casualties, some with a large number of people killed, others with a comparatively small number of dead and injured.

The war has been on relentlessly and ruthlessly, for years. The new ideological differences in Europe have turned out to be nothing but modern camouflage behind which the old territorial problems are being reviewed for the new struggle. For years quest of Austria because he Europe has been the centre of this new warfare and it causes little surprise if the time of year has brought about some turn in international events. The best time for action is either February-March or August-September, as has been shown in most actions of the Axis and even during the Great War.

Now that the first danger period is past, people expect a month or so of comparative calmness and they are turning their attention to private or business problems which were neglected during the days and weeks when all hung on every radio. Often, such comparative calmness is conducive to dangerous outbreaks; the Axis must hit out when the other side least expects trouble. But anti-aircraft defences in France and Britain have been well-manned since April 1 and the building of the peace front is being pursued with determination, though probably not fast enough to satisfy everybody.

The German remains the most disciplined citizen in the world. A small minority of about

## EUROPE TO-DAY IS WEARY OF WAR

BY  
"MERCURY"

cities are overrun with visitors from the Reich and the number of Austrian officials is dwindling. The Catholic Churches in Austria are fuller than ever behind which the old territorial problems are being reviewed for the new struggle. For years quest of Austria because he Europe has been the centre of this new warfare and it causes little surprise if the time of year has brought about some turn in international events. The best time for action is either February-March or August-September, as has been shown in most actions of the Axis and even during the Great War.

In Czechoslovakia complete confusion reigns. The administration of the Protector, which co-operates with the Hacha clique of remaining Czech officials, is contradicted every day by the Gestapo, which maintains a separate administration and finances the Czech Fascist Party. The talk of the day is that the idea of a Protectorate is a failure and soon the Bohemian and Moravian province will lose its identity and will be absorbed in the Reich. Hitler, it is said, has no word in the newspapers or over the radio. Often, such comparative calmness is conducive to dangerous outbreaks; the Axis must hit out when the other side least expects trouble. But anti-aircraft defences in France and Britain have been well-manned since April 1 and the building of the peace front is being pursued with determination, though probably not fast enough to satisfy everybody.

In Hungary, after the election, which it is said was ordered by Hitler, the position has not been clarified at all. The young people are war-weary and are confident that with the help of Germany a great Hungarian Empire, even bigger than the one before the War, could be established. The older generation is war-weary and indicates a bitter smile its fear that in case of war Hungary will become a battlefield.

In Italy, there is no mystery about the feelings of the Italian people. Fascism is still a popular and

powerful movement and Mussolini's prestige is still high. But the pro-German policy has been very unpopular. There is much gossip about Mussolini's prestige is still high. But the pro-German policy has been very unpopular. There is much gossip about Mussolini's nerves being at breaking point, and of conflicts between him and Ciano. Among the men-in-the street a conflict with Britain is regarded as being out of the question; at worst, Italy will remain neutral if Germany goes to war.

In Yugoslavia, the policy of the Regents and the Government is neutrality at all costs. Any conflict would break the country into its pre-war components; the western part would be taken by Germany and Italy, the Croats would want to be independent like the Slovaks, the Bulgarians would chop off a bit in the East, the Hungarians a large slice in the North. However, it is no secret that Franco and her Army remains the most admired thing in Belgrade. The populace is blissfully ignorant of the facts about Yugoslavia's position in the international field.

In France, there has been a revolution during the past six months. It has been forced by Mussolini and Hitler. France's recovery is little short of a miracle. There are no strikes, no anti-Russians, no pro-Germans. The country is one vast workshop, carrying on with firmness and determination. They look grimly forward to a big crisis in the autumn, but they are ready to face it. Nazi agents are now trying to work up disunity in Alsace, but so far without any appreciable results, because the example of the Saar is too near for the Alsacians to be enthusiastic about Germany.

In Belgium, pessimism is rife; in few countries is there such pessimism. The people fear that Belgium will inevitably become a battlefield again in case of conflict. Unfortunately, internal disunity contributes largely to this pessimism.

Battle Of Ideas: by Geoffrey Pyke

## Deep Shelters, Or Survival Of The Richest!

WHAT is the case against deep shelters? Is it impressive? Are the points technical and difficult for laymen to grasp? Are the arguments for and against so nicely balanced, so convincing, so tricky that an ordinary man would be inclined to leave the matter in important despair?

To come down to the final brass tack, would deep shelters, or would they not, do the trick? Would they give really high-grade protection to you and me?

That is the point about which I believe the ordinary man, and still more the ordinary woman, wants to make up their mind. For whether you ought to let your child be evacuated or not turns—doesn't it?—on whether it is possible for protection to be provided here in London and in other big cities.

For some weeks I have devoted my spare time to the search for the case against deep shelters. I have listened, I have read, and I have done my best to keep my mind both receptive and scrupulous.

The following five conclusions, for what they are worth, are what I have arrived at so far. Further investigation may, of course, lead me to abandon, to modify or to expand them—

1. The ordinary man and woman will make a mistake—a suicidal mistake—if they allow themselves to believe that the question of deep shelters is a technical question.

2. The arguments put forward against deep shelters have no substance in them, and, in my opinion, are dishonest and intellectually contemptible.

3. I am satisfied that in private conversation among themselves members of the Government and the Civil Servants responsible for A. R. P. and people within what you might call the managing fringe of capitalism, are admitting this openly. They admit also that many of the Air Raid Precautions in which with much publicity the public is asked to take part are ludicrous.

They frankly admit that in some cases the sole purpose of the campaigns for these so-called precautions is to give you the impression that the Government is doing something effective and is to distract public anxiety and agitation away from deep shelters.

4. There is a syndrome, a confluence, a flowing together of a remarkable variety of capitalist forces to resist deep shelters. This opposition is not the result of conscious conspiracy. It is a flocking together of many interests whose existence is at stake on the issue of deep shelters.

I believe the forces lined up to oppose deep shelters are more massive, more cohesive and more integrated with one another than appears on the surface and than most people imagine.

6. Nevertheless, they are frightened of public opinion. They are prepared to do a good deal to placate it, though they much prefer to distract it.

They reckon to have at least one protection. Any public agitation, particularly any Press agitation, is not, they calculate, likely to last long.

I think the forces opposing deep shelters may one day throw something to the wolves, should the wolves look fierce enough, and likely to stand the pace. They may even one day throw them Anderson, should that be necessary to distract the pursuers.

Once upon a time when they were hard pressed they threw Sir Samuel Hoare to the wolves. Unfortunately the wolves were distracted. Unfortunately, too, they were British wolves and had therefore been trained to behave themselves.

They sat round Sir Sam and told him that he ought not to have been the only one, that he had been unfairly treated. So Abyssinia was for the servants.

and the League were sacrificed and Sir Samuel, though not back as Foreign Secretary (that position is being occupied jointly by Sir Horace Wilson and Mr. Chamberlain), is now Home Secretary and once again a member of the Inner Cabinet which directs foreign policy.

In saying that the case for deep shelters is overwhelming, I am in the company, not of prejudiced parties like Professor Haldane, F. R. S., Messrs. Tecton, the architects responsible for the Finsbury scheme, the Councilors of Finsbury, Mr. Jack Little, president of the A. E. U., Mr. D. N. Pritt, K. C., M. P., Dr. Joseph Needham, of Cambridge, Mr. W. J. Brown, of the C.S.C.A., and others who may be suspected of being mere democratic scum, but of 40 or 50 of England's richest and most powerful men.

They have not waited for further technical investigation. To them Hailley Reports, White Papers, mean nothing. They don't believe (as you may have heard the more loquacious of them say) in talk. Action is their line. And so it is.

These men have already built deep shelters for themselves and their families. You won't find much about these shelters in the Press. Nor will you be able to go over these shelters like you can go over some of the beautiful gardens and house of the rich on appointed days.

The owners of the underground homes of England do not talk. They believe it best for living men to tell no tales. They believe also in the survival of the richest.

In a photograph of a shelter which appeared so long as two years ago there were shown two underground buildings. These were separated by a fairly long tunnel. "Why," I asked, "two buildings and why the long tunnel? Is it to separate the sexes?" "By the only one, that he had been unfairly treated. So Abyssinia was for the servants."



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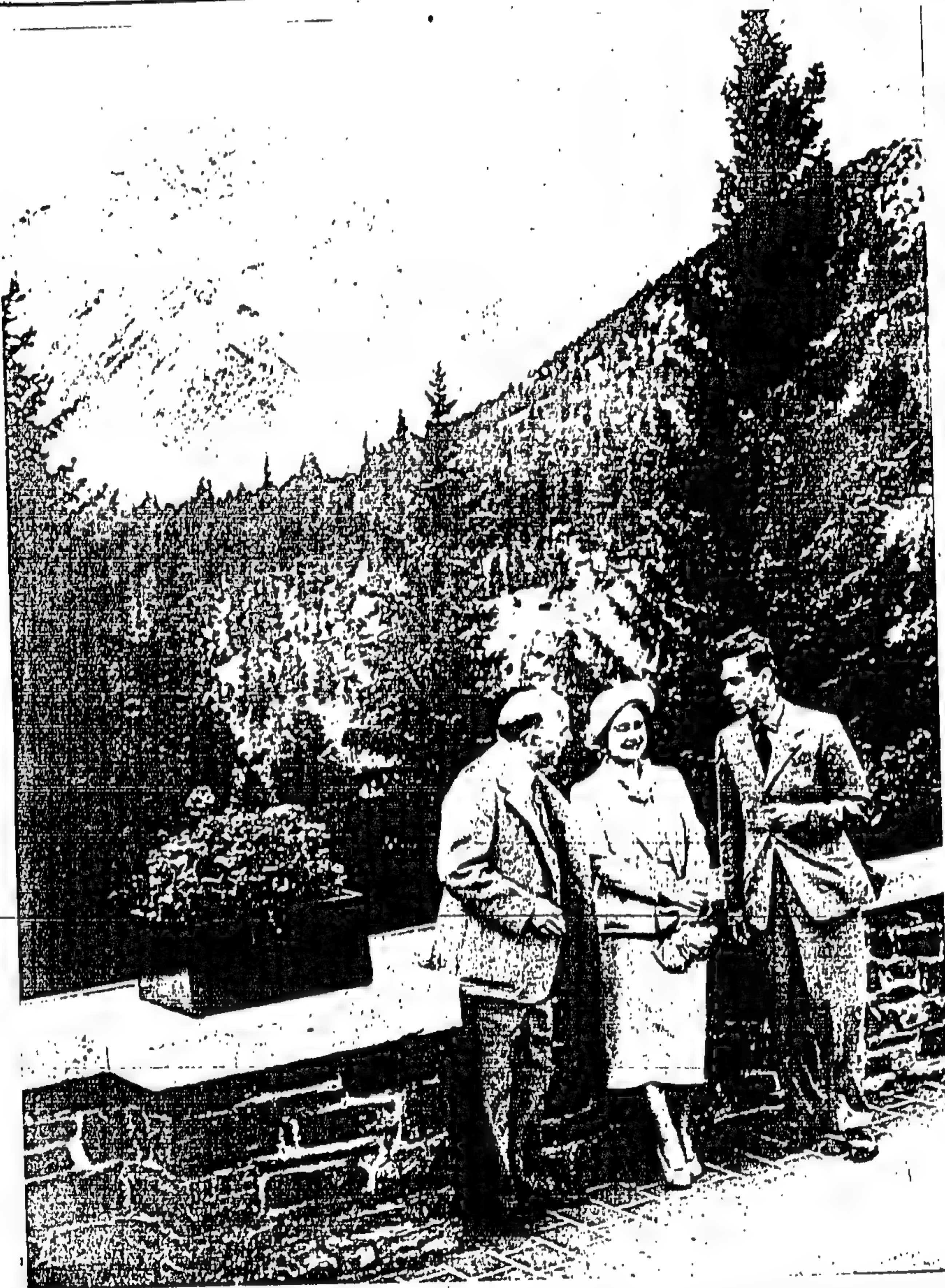
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## Photo News

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At right: Gracie Fields, the popular Lancashire comedienne, looks cheerful despite a long illness which has kept her in a London Nursing Home for some months. When this photo was taken, Gracie was convalescing in accordance with her doctor's instructions to "take things easy."



The Duke and Duchess of Kent chatting with women of the A.F.S. during a grand display held in Hyde Park on June 3rd. The London Fire Brigade and the Auxiliary Fire Service were reviewed by the Duke, and women as well as men took part in the display.



Piccadilly Circus and its environs was the scene of an extensive Air Raid Precautions exercise on June 4th, in which big explosive and gas-bomb work was carried out. In this photograph Air Raid Wardens are sounding the alarm prior to an impending raid.



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Above and at right: Further scenes of the Air Raid Precautions exercise held in Piccadilly Circus. At top is a realistic scene in the Haymarket, showing Auxiliary Firemen combating incendiary bombs, and at right, a grim spectacle of A.R.P. workers carrying a casualty across Charing Cross Road. It was the first time that London has seen a large scale A.R.P. manoeuvre, and all traffic in the busy West End was held up.





# The Week's Photography

By "Shutter"

A PROUD father having shown me the other day the results of a number of films used solely on snapping the young hopeful, I was led to the conclusion that the snapshot element in child photography has more to be said in its favour than the "Studio picture" type. As a rule, of course, the "Studio picture" makes a child look very lovely, but I have often found that the stilted pose, sometimes lacking vitality, soon becomes tiring. I remember very clearly being taken to the local studio photographer and of the unpleasant hour spent in his workroom. Contemplation to-day of the excellent (technical) results produced prompts me to silent admiration of the man's patience and skill, but my knowledge to-day also makes me realise how much easier his task

completely forgot everything around. On the other hand the expression of wonder or serious curiosity may be well worth catching, and in all these instances the use of the miniature is most valuable.

## SPACIOUSNESS IN LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHS

The same friend with whom I was discussing the problems of child photography was also showing me some excellent landscape pictures, and I was particularly struck by the way he had succeeded in getting an impression of spaciousness in them.

To a certain extent, it can be said that the success of a landscape representation depends upon the breadth and space that is suggested in it. One method of suggesting space is to contrast an object with another. For instance, the inclusion in the picture of a tree in the near foreground, with a mountain behind it, will often help to give an impression of space, especially if the tone of the tree is strong whilst that of the more distant mountain is light. One is unconsciously aware that, although the picture is comparatively small, the scene shown is immense, because the tree looks large against the mountain, and the difference in tone makes it quite clear that there is a great distance between the tree and the mountain. When objects stand out in bold relief against each other, the distance between them is shown to the best advantage.

## VERTICAL LINES AND RISING FRONTS

A reader, new to photography, and who has acquired a second-hand plate camera, writes to ask about the purpose of the attachments which permit the lens board to be raised. Answering this I think it would be best to assume that a picture of a tall building is being taken, and to include the building's entire height. You naturally tilt the camera in order to include the upper portion of the building, and in so doing you tilt the back of the camera. Now, unless the back of the camera remains perfectly vertical there will be a convergence of vertical lines in the picture. By using the rising front on your camera you allow the camera to remain level, simply adjusting the rising front until you can see in the groundglass back that your picture will include the entire area desired. Of course, shifting the lens up or down alters the optical axis of the lens with regard to the centre of the plate, which may produce uneven illumination on it. This, as well as improper focus, may be noted on the groundglass and corrected before the picture is taken. Stopping down is helpful in this procedure, since a greater depth of field is obtained.

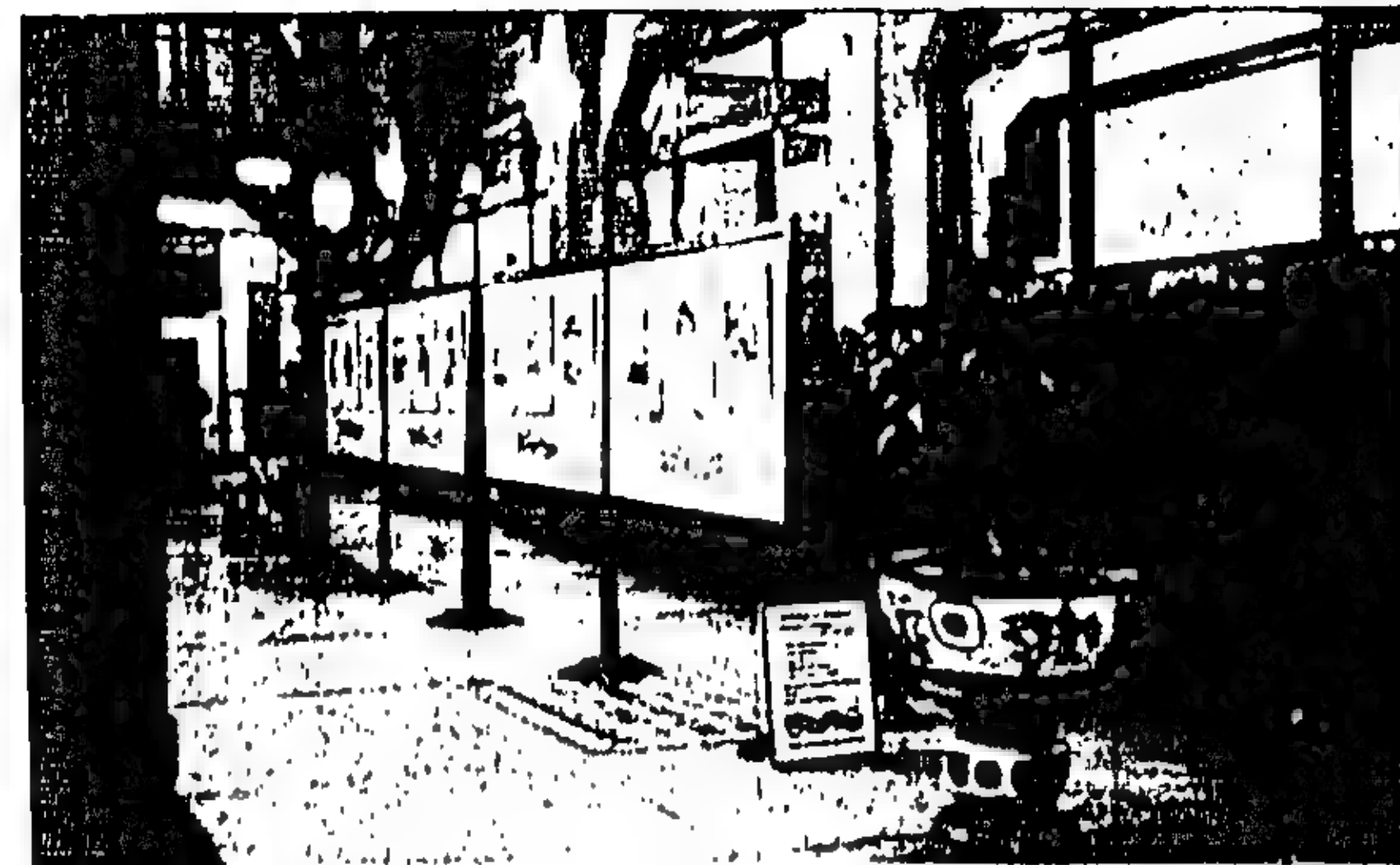
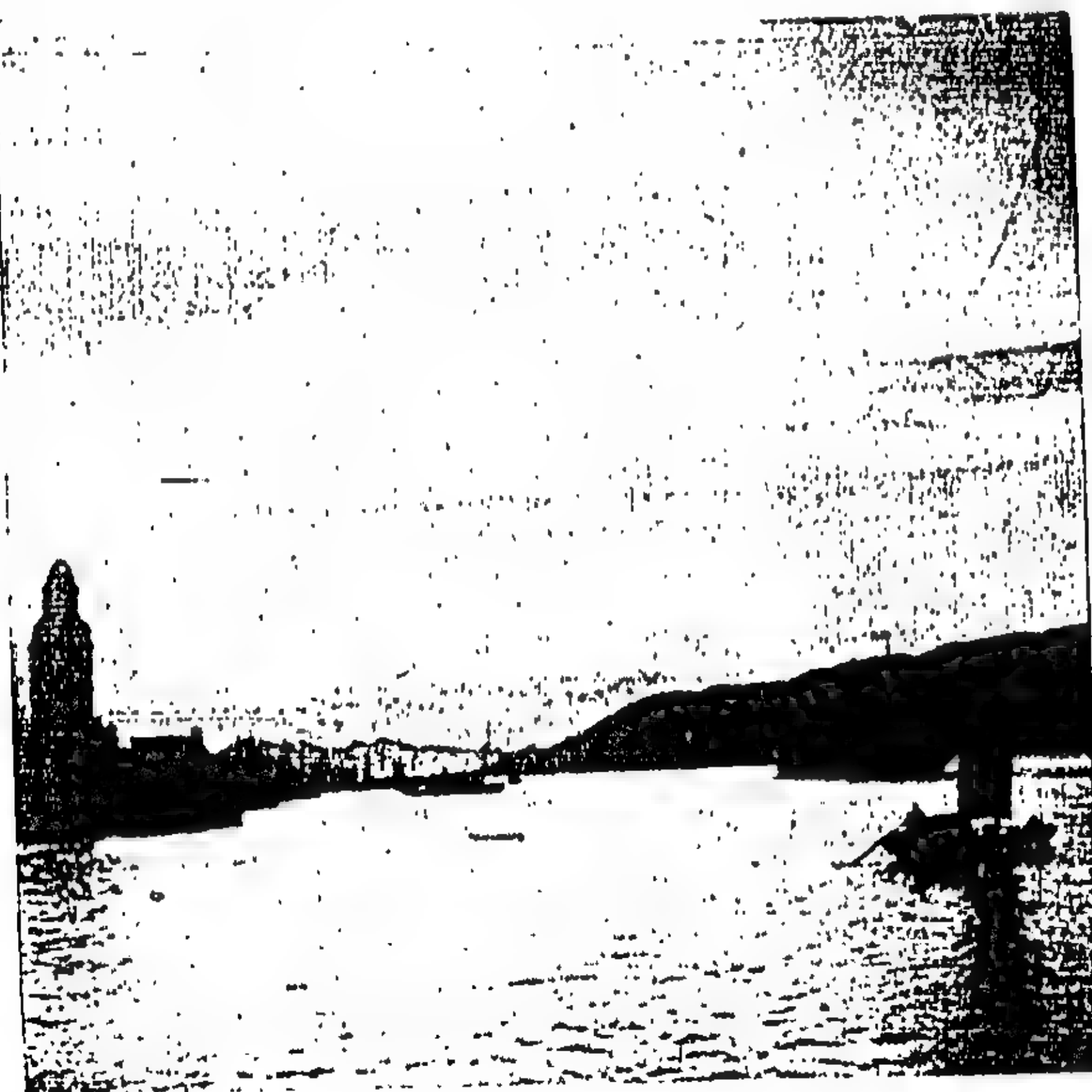
Turning to the prints which we publish this week, I was very interested in the technical data which accompanied the print entitled "Interior". I see, with an aperture of f/3.5 was used, the photograph having been taken at about 5.30 p.m.



would have been had he used one of the modern miniatures.

It is very difficult to catch a child in a natural mood. Any child is inevitably put off by the unaccustomed surroundings of a studio, or by the intrusion of strange apparatus in his little world. In my own experience, and in those with whom I have discussed the problem, the miniature rarely excites attention and uncertainty. One worry, therefore,—the child's consciousness of the camera—is mastered.

An equally difficult problem arises, however, in the use of artificial lighting, and even if the number of lights is reduced to one, it absorbs the full attention of the child. This can be both a source of trouble and pleasure to the photographer. Sometimes the attraction of the light is most disturbing and, when this is the case, there is nothing else for it but to try ways and means of reestablishing contact until such time as the subject is so accustomed that it can



With so many sources of light, reflections and deep shadows, there are plenty of difficulties and I think a fairly satisfactory job has been made.

"Another Day" by Mr. G. M. George has a most attractive sky, but I think the general effect would have been improved slightly by a little trimming from the bottom. I rather consider also that a viewpoint which would have permitted of the Kowloon railway tower being placed a little more to the right would have been an advantage.

I think the question of viewpoint should have received more consideration also in the third entry entitled "Docking", which provides in other respects an impressive study of a large vessel coming alongside. Mr. George should have picked a vantage point possibly a few feet above the ground, although as far as I am able to judge, a few more seconds would probably have secured an effort which would not show the top of the mast cut off as it is here.

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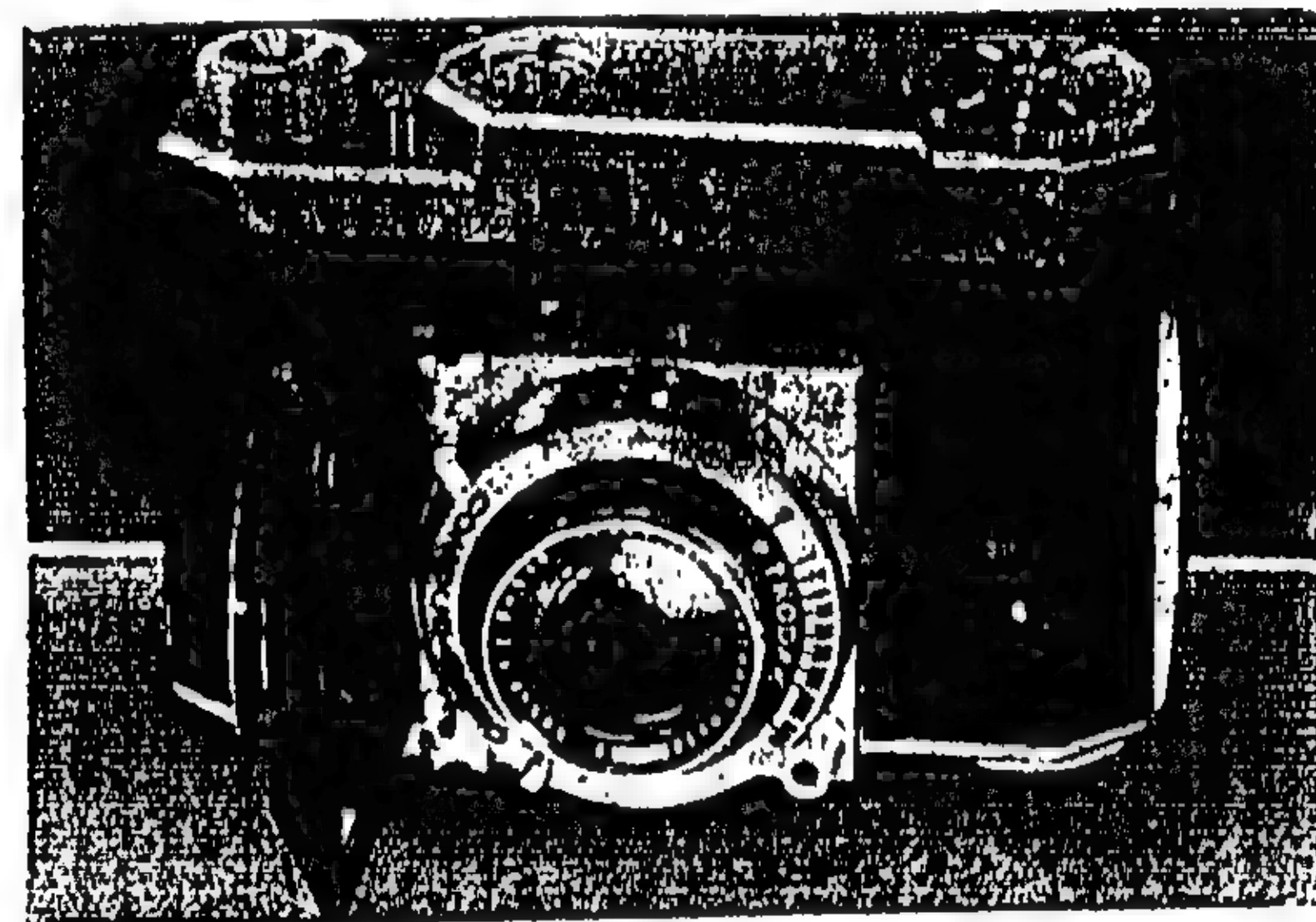
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I've forgotten who it was who made this wise reflection on, alas, a long dead generation of women. I say "alas" because the woman with the wit to make a man look a fool in these days is a pretty rare bird—and I don't think there are a frightful number who are so good at keeping lovers.

It is good for a man to be made to look a fool every now and then, and the more gracefully the process is accomplished the better it is for him.

In plain words—where are the flirts? Where are the coquettes? Where are the women who can do things with fans and bits of cambric?

Quite so—there aren't any fans and bits of cambric. But if there were I doubt if there'd be the people to use them. The modern woman's idea of a fetching gesture is either to puff a cloud of cigarette smoke in one's face, or to shoot out a long leg showing an extra three inches or so of it.

I'd love to meet the woman who knew something about the delicate art of "attention without intention" as somebody once called flirting. Men are only too ready to do their bit of social by-play. They love to strut, to cut such a dash as they are able. But what's the good?

Learn to flirt. I beg of you, some of you girls, think again before putting on the usual turns which reflect the three commonest attitudes of modern woman to modern man.

What are they?

They're summed up, to my mind, as follows (in their fields of action):

(1) The Utterly Indifferent.

Symptoms. A tendency to be dull to the point of rudeness, a faintly malicious vein of repartee and, in the end, the smile of relieved gladness when some really interesting (and interested) party heaves into sight.

Number 2: The "Thank You Kiss" or "Peck of Gratitude."



Symptoms. A sort of defensive gathering-together as the evening draws to a close. There is a tendency to sheer rather clumsily away from any sign of love-making on the part of the man. At some point later in the evening, or in the taxi on the way home, however, the "Peck of Gratitude" is coldly and rapidly delivered without being asked for. It is accompanied by some bone-chilling remark such as, "I suppose you want to kiss me now." Or it may be tempered with, "Thanks awfully, it's been such fun (chirp), no you mustn't, really."

Number 3: The Boisterous (or Party) Cuddle.

Symptoms. A gradually growing flow of party spirit, intense laughter, and a final invitation to the man to "pet" in any dim corner, or in the back of any parked car that happens to be handy.

Now the point about all these three occasions is that they have a common denominator of utter artlessness. They are clumsy, crude and unengaging. Number one is simply dull, number two purely dutiful, and number three pure, plumb obvious. In no case is any real effort put into the really engaging business of coquetry. A girl either shrieks to high heaven that she wants to be kissed and the sooner the better, or else hardens into a statue of indifference. Neither attitude is at all amusing from the man's point of view—or from the girl's, I should imagine.

The point about the good flirt is that she never let's a man know whether she wants to kiss, be kissed, or not. She may hate the sight of him but, being a true woman—which ought to mean a true flirt—she has the wit, and the good taste to help along the passing hour. She keeps him guessing, and she does it so well that every moment of the game is fun.

"But," I can hear somebody say, "this is a common sense age. We've said good-bye to all that kind of thing. There's no time for it in the modern world. Besides—we're honest."

To which I reply, "No woman is honest when there are men about."

And, anyway, if being honest means (a) a mouth like a button of india-rubber or (b) a pair of embarrassingly inviting lips raised up to one without question and within an hour or two of meeting, then give me a spot of intriguing deceit.

Flirting seems to me to mean everything and nothing. The woman who flirts lives well. People may condemn her, but they respect her.

In the final analysis, moreover, it is she who is the honest one, for she never makes any pretence of being other than she is—a delightfully entertaining actress.

The true flirt never bawls when she's kissed. She's asked for it, and she knows it. The true flirt never entangles people in emotional frenzies which are doomed to extinction because, again, she's so clear and palpable. The true flirt knows just how to keep her head, and I believe that when she loses her heart there is no heart more worthwhile to the lucky man to whom she loses it.

There's something to be said for "mystery," however it may have been exploded. The woman who says proudly, "I'm honest and open, and any man knows just where he is with me," is up the wrong tree. Because men don't want to know where they are. They'd very much rather enjoy the excitement of doubt. There's nothing duller than the woman who's obvious, nothing more boring than the woman who won't invite one to the chase.

It's laziness that has robbed "man the pursuer" of his charming quarry. Where's the fun of the hunt if the hunted won't run?

There's another aspect of modern relationship which has helped to banish the flirt. It's the "jolly good pal" line of approach which, I can assure all "jolly good pals," makes nine men out of ten simply squirm with distaste.

The "jolly good pal," like all the other "sensible" people of today, has no time for flirting. Life is too short to waste in meaningless coquettishness.

I say it is nothing of the kind. They aren't meaningless. They may not be deep, but then neither are musical comedies. And both are fun.

Learn to flirt. Learn the art of keeping us guessing. Learn to make fools of us gracefully. Learn, in fact, that estimable social compromise between the heavy affair and the dreariness of indifference.

**Be Kind To Your Larynx**

Next to a pleasant smile and a next to a pleasant smile and a polite manner, perhaps few things contribute as much towards making friends as kind words pleasantly spoken. A harsh voice is a hindrance. Yet how little attention is paid to acquiring a pleasing quality of voice! And simply no attention at all is paid to the care of the larynx, which is fundamental to normal voice production.

The larynx gets no rest. Common forms of vocal abuse are talking too loudly into the telephone, talking in noisy places, such as in the street, in rooms where open windows admit the street noise, in factories where machinery is running, and in offices where typewriters are clicking.

Shouting and cheering at football games, like forceful singing and speaking, often cause little haemorrhages on the vocal cords; these haemorrhages develop into the voice unless removed.

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# Where Are The Stockings Of Yester-Year?

A Cheer for Streamlined Sheer

THE stockings that our grandmothers and our maiden aunts wore in strange design and material are all but forgotten; only vague memories linger of the ornate and somewhat bizarre hosiery worn by the glamour girls of the Gay Nineties.

Streamline and slick silken creations of to-day are sheer perfection as compared to them and are not only the last word in the book of fashion for encasing dainty ankles, calves and knees but they may be, and probably are, on their last legs.

"Why" you ask. Well, because of their own tendency to disappear; because they are already so sheer as to be almost invisible, and growing sheerer every minute. Vague, tenuous and evanescent, they seem to be evaporating, dissolving of their own will.

Who among us girls is not inordinately stocking-conscious? Who among us does not shudder at a run in the fine silken texture of our leg covering? What woman does not thrill to the feel of drawing on finely textured, new silk stockings?

This is what we have come to in the history of the stocking. Delicate streamline hose is comparatively recent where history is concerned. You see, people once wore clumsy leg coverings cut out of thick cloth and sewed up with big, bumpy seams.

King Henry VIII had his cut from white taffeta, and his coverable leg-area was so spacious it took a lot of silk, and if they didn't fit exactly, he kicked his courtiers.

Queen Elizabeth was much the same, but her legs were far, far, skinnier, and one day one of the ladies-in-waiting knitted for Her Majesty a pair of black silk stockings, fine and beautiful. They couldn't quite be drawn through a wedding ring, but they could through a napkin ring. Personally, I never held with the great desire some women have to draw things through their wedding rings.

Well, anyway, the Queen was so delighted with these stockings she vowed she'd wear no other kind and the luckless lady-in-waiting spent all her time knitting stockings as fast as the red-



headed Elizabeth could kick them out. And history further states the lady-in-waiting had a suitor, who never could get her to listen to his suit, because she was all the time knitting and kept mumbling, "Knit one, purl two, slip, narrow, bind—" over and over, as she rustled the Queen's hosiery.

So that clever gentleman, one Mr. William Lee, invented the stocking-loom, which did the knitting work, and left his adored one time to smile on his courting. Oh, there is much romance in the history of stockings.

Why, there's the record of the Sad-eyed Princess. She was all upset because a seer had told her she could never know joy and peace until she wore the stockings of a carefree woman. She sent her courtiers far and wide, but they all returned empty-handed declaring they could find no carefree woman. Great reward was offered, and at last a messenger returned from his world-wide search with the news that he had found a woman free from care, but she owned no stockings! She was an ignorant, humble peasant, and in her satisfied poverty, she possessed no stockings and wanted none.

Which brings us down to the present day.

It is a far cry from the old ladies who cut out and sewed their cotton flannel stockings to match their long-sleeved and high-necked night-gowns, and the modern girl who wears the sheer streamlined style of hose.

A half-century ago we might have been seen in the white-kneed stockings. There was no reason for these any more than there was for Mark Twain's white suits, or white icing on a chocolate cake. But they played their part, and were followed in the just too elegant Nineties by stunning confections, made of heavily embossed lace curtain materials.

It was these stockings that tripped their way through the mazes of the Turkey Trot and the Tango.

And then, louder and funnier, the Plaids!

Meant for sports wear, they invaded every walk of life, and flared and blared in lady-like archery and mild tennis.

Golf was a word then spoken with bated breath, and bicycles were in the balance.

Indeed, many real ladies clung to white stockings and croquet slippers, with narrow black elastic crossed over the instep.

But daring broke loose with insets of lace that obtained in 1900.

Sometimes, if the lace was shockingly thin, the human flesh almost showed through the interstices!

These stockings danced the Maxixe and the Two-Step and hesitatingly dared the Shimmy.

The Barber-Pole striped stockings never reached a real vogue, for it was soon discovered that they increased the apparent size of the wearer's leg.

After all the Henry VIII model was less desirable than the Queen Elizabeth size, and the preferred modes showed more and more the long lines of the ribbed and drop-stitched patterns.

Well, then, the blow fell!

Cotton stockings had already given place to lisle thread, but now the decree was silk!

Heavens! Pretty little stenographers, with perfectly lovely legs, couldn't afford to clothe those legs in silk! What to do?

In an effort to help, the manufacturers put out a fearful monstrosity: a stocking with a lisle or cotton foot, and a lisle or cotton top, leaving a ring of silk around the mid-leg! And the girls were forever pulling their skirts down or perking their shoes up, to cover the deceit.

And then, to cap the climax of their woe, Fashion decreed the skirts to be so short that the fake stockings were no good at all! And also decreed that no high button or laced shoes should be worn, only pumps or low shoes. The sectional stocking went into the discard, and the girls' savings went into the hosiery shop tills.

Did this faze the pretty little stenographers? Look at their legs and see!

Fashion's laws must be obeyed, whatever commandments are broken.

A dear old lady said to me yesterday, "My dear, if it is the fashion to stand on your head in the

middle of the road, don't hesitate a moment, but cut for the front door!"

And, too, we must remember, that to be worn on a girl's leg, even the best one, which she is putting foremost, is not the be-all and end-all of a stocking's existence.

Once a stocking saved the life of a lovely girl.

In a medieval town, ruled by a despot king, this girl was accused of something or other of which she was perfectly innocent — at any rate she said she was. But so strict were the laws, she was sentenced to a cruel and horrible death.

She begged a word with the King before she was led to the torture chamber, and barefooted, in a ragged gown that was very becoming, in spots, she pleaded with the King, imploring him to give her time to put on her stockings before she took off. Entranced by her beauty, and thinking her slight request of no account, he gave orders that the lady should not be molested until she had put on her stockings. She thanked him prettily, and with a murmured remark to the effect that she would never wear a stocking again, she left the Presence. A lovely story, and you can write your own ending, because nobody else did.

The stockings of yesteryear are gone, never to return. Gone, like the corset-covers with pink baby ribbon run through their eyelets.

And the stockings of this year are going.

We have tried to keep them; tried to invent new interests in the stocking gesture. We are now wearing them inside out; next it will be upside down, and then wrong side foremost.

But they are doomed. They probably are because they are evaporating, dissolving, melting away.

We are now watching their dissolution.

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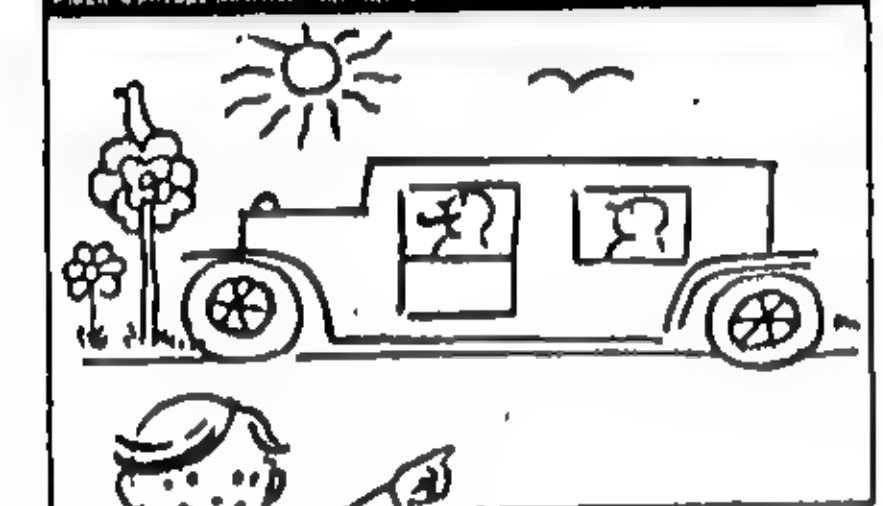
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## The Daddy Of All Dictators

Four centuries ago Nicholas Machiavelli, meditating in a Florentine villa, wrote "The Prince." In this book can be found the first description of the principles and methods of dictatorship we see at work to-day. His surname gave rise to the adjective "Machiavellian."



THE ideas which the dictators of to-day have put into practice have been a long time growing. Mussolini and Hitler, the authoritarians, can trace their spiritual ancestry and, no doubt, publicly would do if they did not feel that to admit they were not original would lower their prestige in the eyes of their followers.

The man from whose literary labours in a fifteenth-century Florentine villa the dictators were born was Nicholas Machiavelli. He has had to wait a long time for recognition, and he, or his writings, have passed through many vicissitudes before they were tacitly endorsed over a large part of the present-day world.

The man himself was put to the rack and thumbscrew during his life; his books were of the first to be placed on the Roman Catholic "Index"; and so cordially was he hated at one time that, in the opinions of many past writers, his Christian name it was that gave rise to that term for the Devil, "Old Nick."

Machiavelli was born in 1469; the doctrine he evolved was truly the result of experience, for he had spent forty-five active years before he wrote a word. For fifteen he was secretary of one of the departments in the government of Florence, and knew intimately most of the great people of his time. He was a familiar of Caesar Borgia, and was one of the first men in history to be provided with a passport, which he used to carry him on his diplomatic missions.

Strangely, in the long struggle between freedom and tyranny in his native Florence, which was an independent sovereign state in his time, Machiavelli belonged to the popular party.

In 1512 his party fell, and the Mediceis threw Machiavelli out of his job and into prison. He was put on the rack in order to extort a confession of his conspiracies, and languished in a dungeon for a few months until, when a new Pope came to the Vatican, he was released with many others under an amnesty. He withdrew to his farm outside Florence and, enjoying a moderate income, gave himself up to dilettante days and nights of meditation.

One of his letters still exists; it was written a short time after he had been released from prison. It reads in part:—

"... And since Dante says that 'there is no science unless we retain what we have learned,' I have set down what I have gained from their discourse, and composed a treatise, *De Principibus*... To a prince, and especially to a new prince, it ought to prove acceptable."

It should, indeed, have proved acceptable to a new prince, a new prince who had usurped a throne, for *De Principibus* was a cold, scientific justification of just such strong-arm methods as the new Florentine prince had utilised. It was a hand-book for tough guys; but every method which Machiavelli recommended he supported by reasoning on a general plane so that it was possible to evolve a whole philosophy of statecraft and government from his book.

In a sense, his philosophy was not new, for the germ of every possible idea exists in the world at any moment, and has always so existed. Machiavelli's hairy ancestors had an inkling, aeons before his time, of the doctrine he enunciated. But ideas in most people lie dormant and unrealised; the men who really influence the world are those who put their ideas into a form which other people can appreciate and judge. In this sense Machiavelli originated the tactics and gave face to the values of the dictators.

What was his doctrine? It was the philosophy of taking the world as we find it, extended to its *nth* degree.

What interested Machiavelli was not whether a thing was reasonable or moral or beautiful, but whether it *was*. Men, he said, have much villainy in them. Certainly they should not have and it will be very nice if, one day, they get rid of it. But you must treat them as what they are and ignore what they should be.

This doctrine, obviously, demoralises every basis of right and

wrong of which we are aware. Machiavelli realised this, and realised that some touchstone of what was good or bad must exist or the whole world would fall into anarchy.

So he set up the State as the supreme entity in man's life. The State could do anything it wished in its own interest and, indeed, would be acting immorally if it allowed any moral scruples to hold it back on the path to power.

As for the individuals who composed the State, their supreme allegiance was to the latter; no crime they might be guilty of was more odious than that which hurt the State; to them the State must be God. This, manifestly, is just what Mussolini says, and just what Hitler and his lieutenants declaim every year at Nuremberg. It is also what they say in Soviet Russia.

"War is the only fit study for princes," he said. Where in his works, he appears to be taking a moral standpoint, he is really dealing only with expediency. Sometimes he admits it, as where, for instance, he advises a prince to simulate religion because most of his subjects will inevitably be religious, and will admire the faith of their ruler.

In his favour, one should remember that the world of his time sorted the weak from the strong, with a heavy hand. The Dark Ages, about to end, held Europe in a black pall; the whole of the known world was full of rape, murder, war and corruption. In Machiavelli's personal knowledge for years was Caesar Borgia, who thought no more of having an enemy stabbed or poisoned than he did of having an erring cook thrown into the moat. Machiavelli learned his lessons in a hard school.

His greatest fault was that he ignored the streak of goodness in human beings. He was right in saying that men have much villainy in them; but it was equally true that, far more potent than the mass of villainy is the heaven, tiny though it may be, of goodness.

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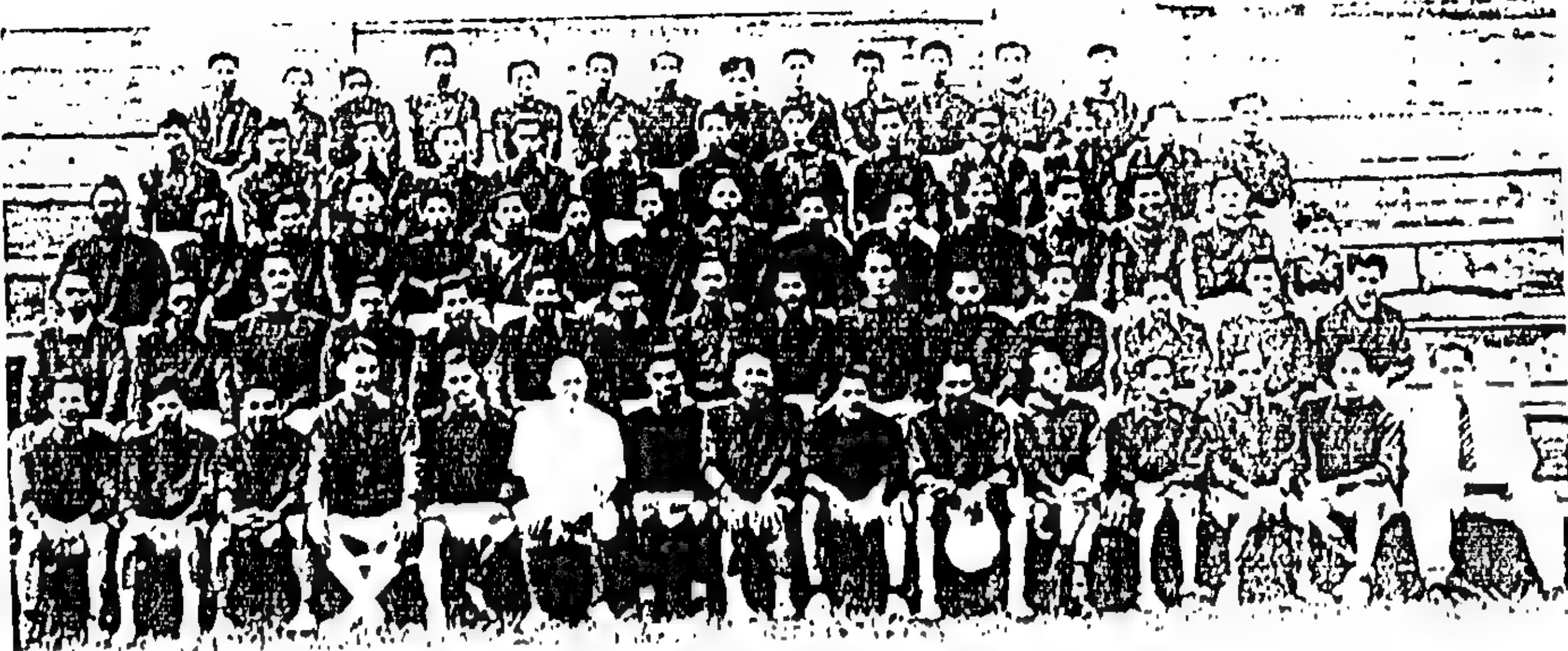
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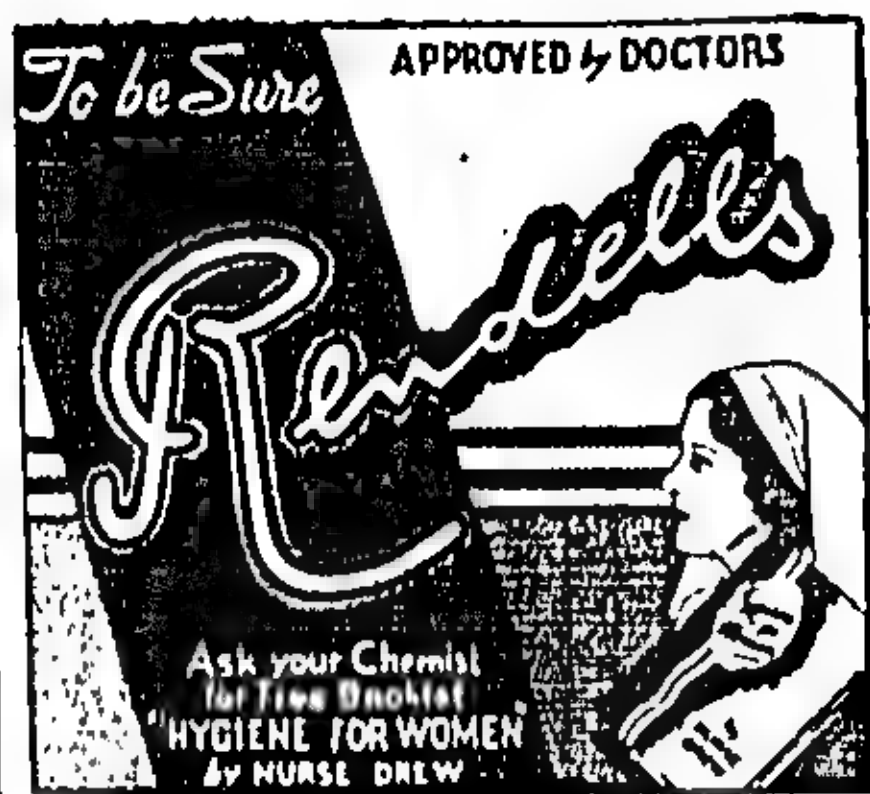
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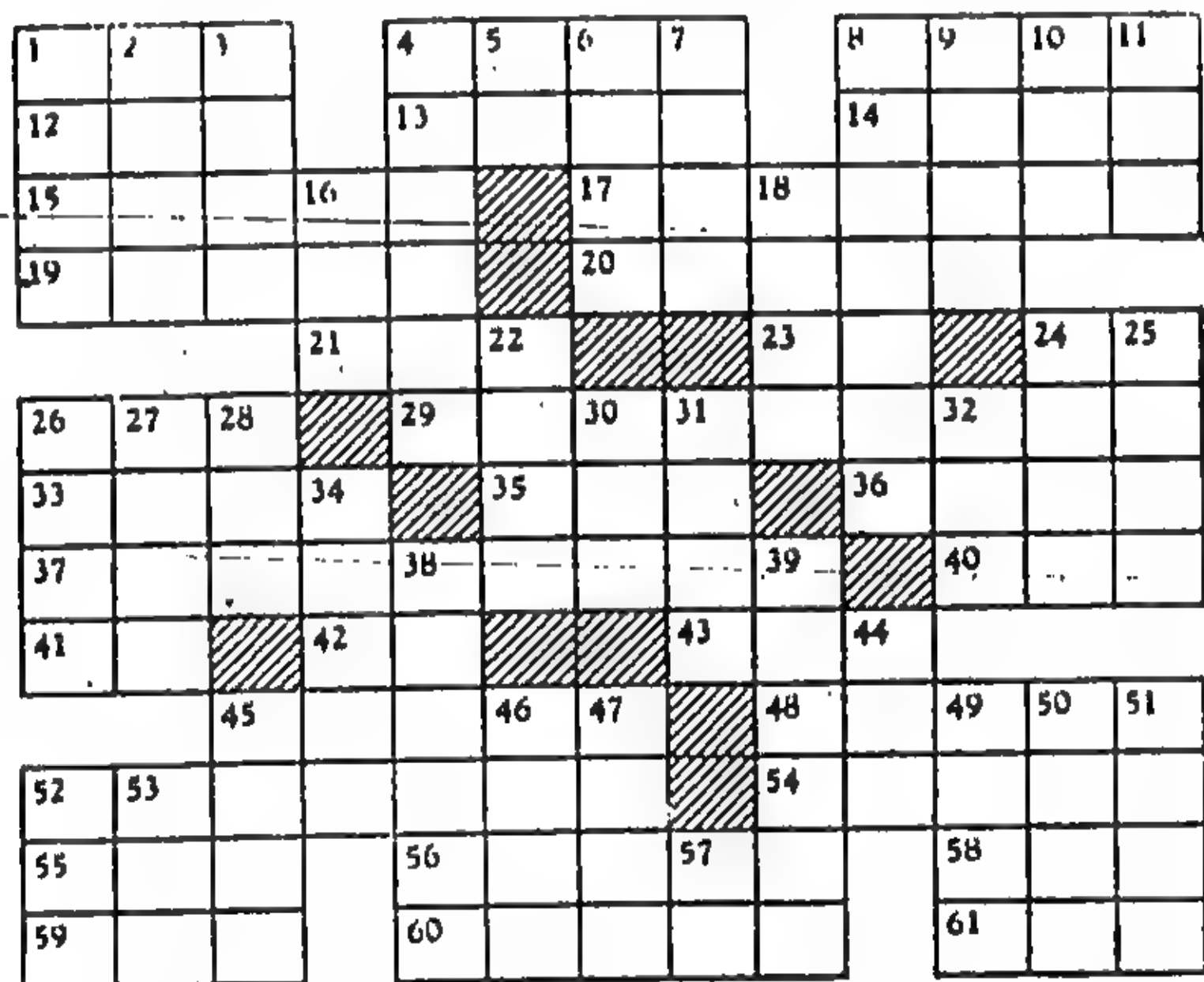
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#### HORIZONTAL

- 1 Ethiopian title
- 4 Hinders
- 8 Idle chatter
- 12 Humming bird
- 13 Standard quantity
- 14 To classify
- 15 Europeans
- 17 Dress maker
- 19 Line of cut grass
- 20 Colloquial: strikes
- 21 Roman bronze
- 23 Pronoun
- 24 Therefore
- 26 Bow
- 29 Rambling
- 33 Inlets
- 35 Manner
- 36 Pennsylvania city
- 37 Agreed
- 40 Simian
- 41 Preposition
- 42 Conjunction
- 43 To weaken
- 45 Dandies
- 48 Metric measure
- 52 To defend

#### VERTICAL

- 1 Knocks
- 54 To depart
- 55 Age
- 56 French river
- 58 Smart saying
- 59 Pagoda
- 60 Flies
- 61 Foot-like part

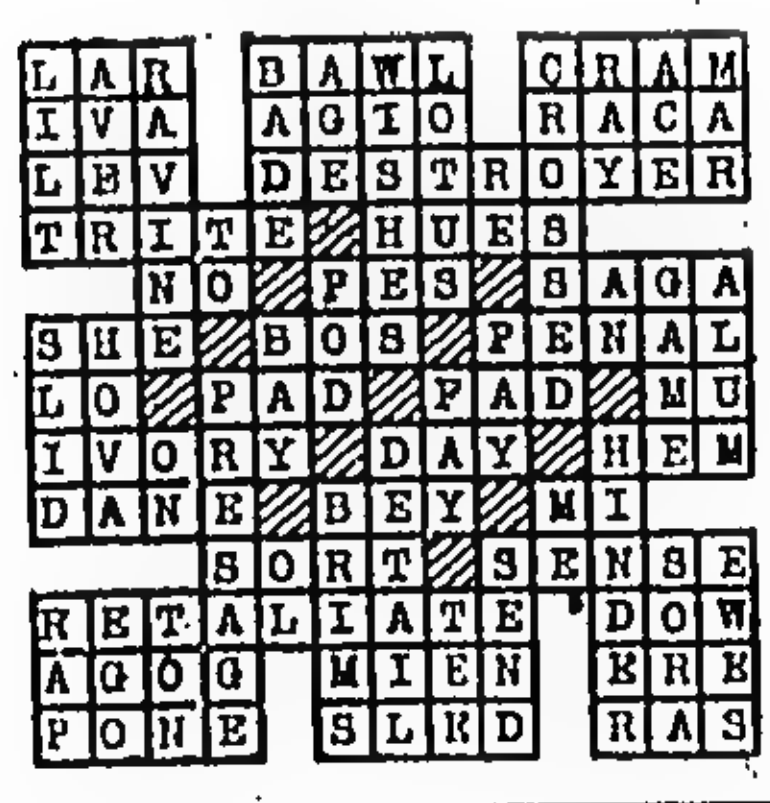
#### 2 To acknow-

- ledge
- 3 Spanish room
- 4 Scrubby growths
- 5 One
- 6 Borders
- 7 To pack
- 8 Fragile
- 9 Young woman

#### 10 Siamese coin

- 11 Insect
- 12 Greek letter
- 18 Irish parliament
- 22 Heavenly body
- 24 To cut
- 25 Molding
- 26 Alms box
- 27 Outbreak
- 28 Rotating piece
- 30 To scratch
- 31 Native metallic compound (pl.)
- 32 Babylonian god
- 34 Spigot
- 38 Commands
- 39 Rapids
- 44 Pastry
- 45 Completed
- 46 To resound
- 47 Portico
- 49 To pound down
- 50 Cry of Bacchanals
- 51 Snake
- 52 Favourite
- 53 Deer
- 57 Near (abbr.)

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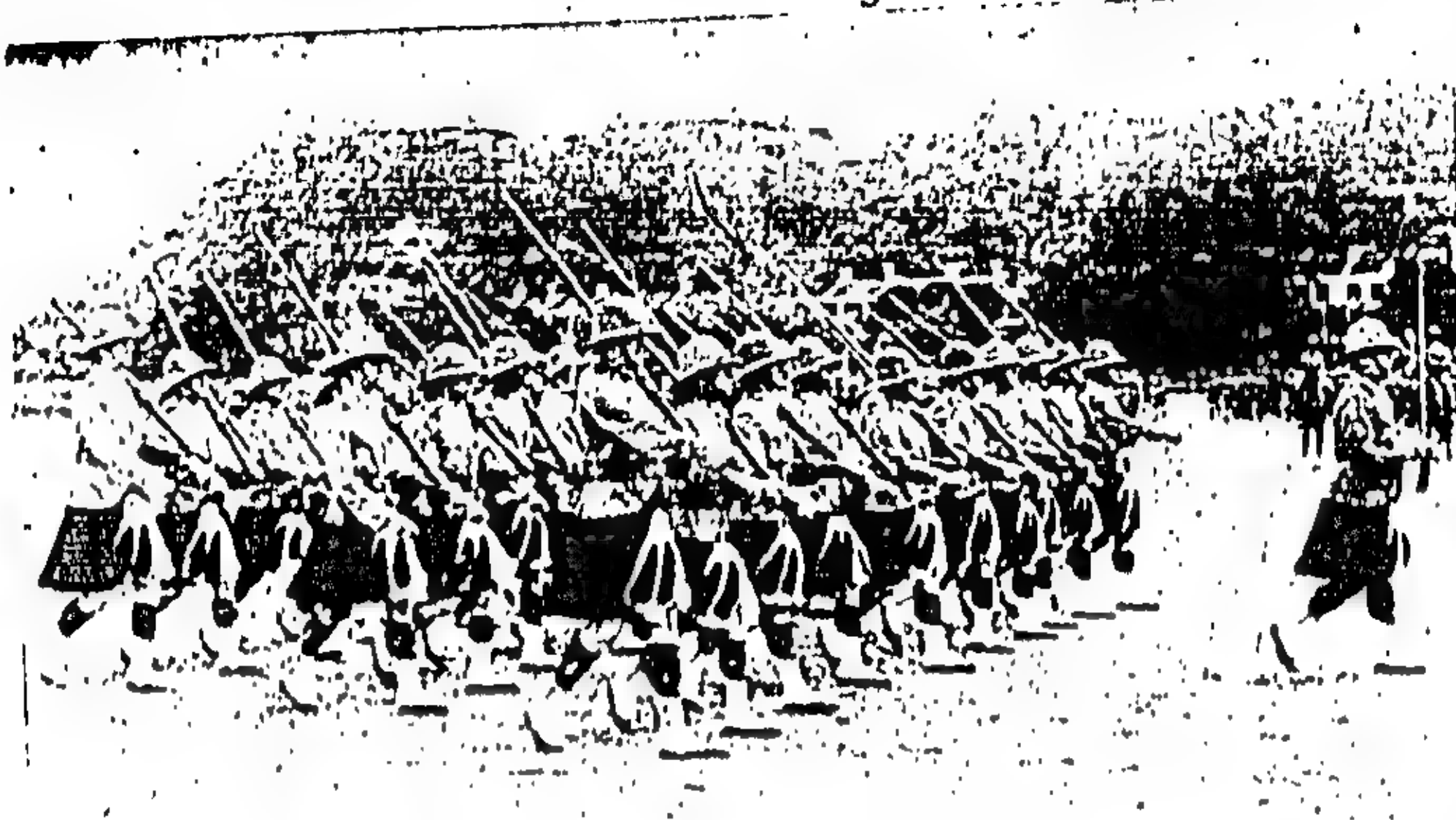
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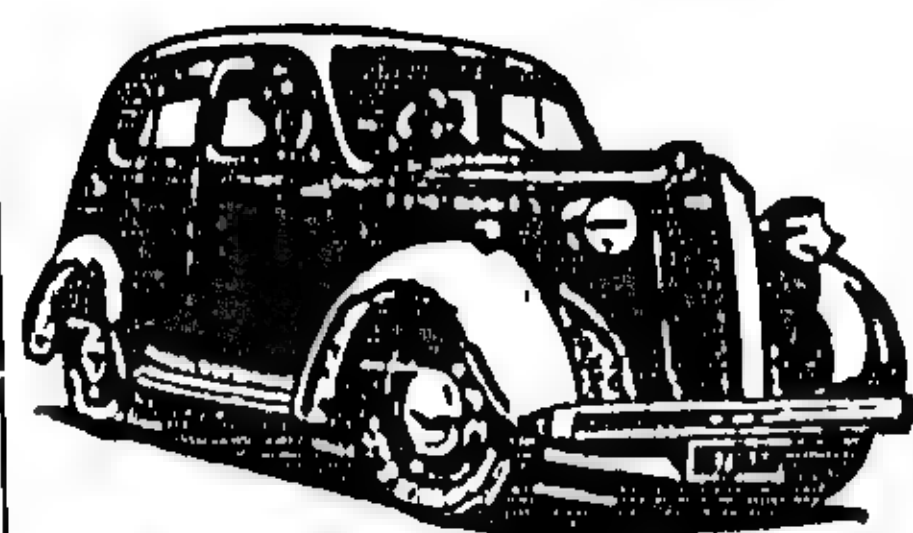


The above, and all subsequent pictures with the exception of one, show scenes of that event. At extreme left is Mr. Eu Tong Jen, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Begg, and at extreme right is the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall and the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow watching the review.



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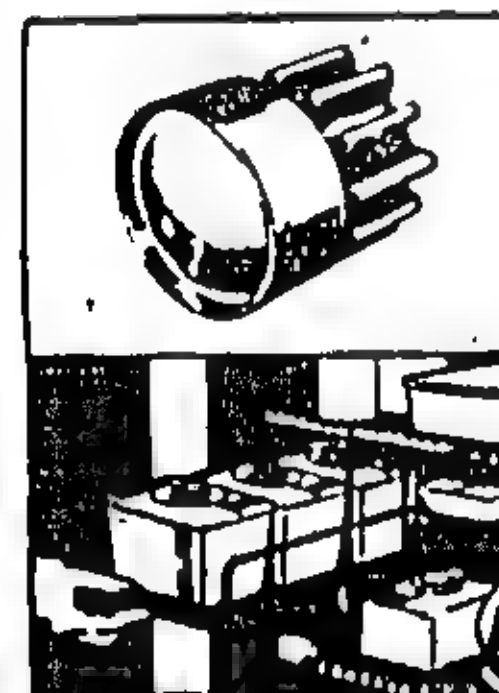
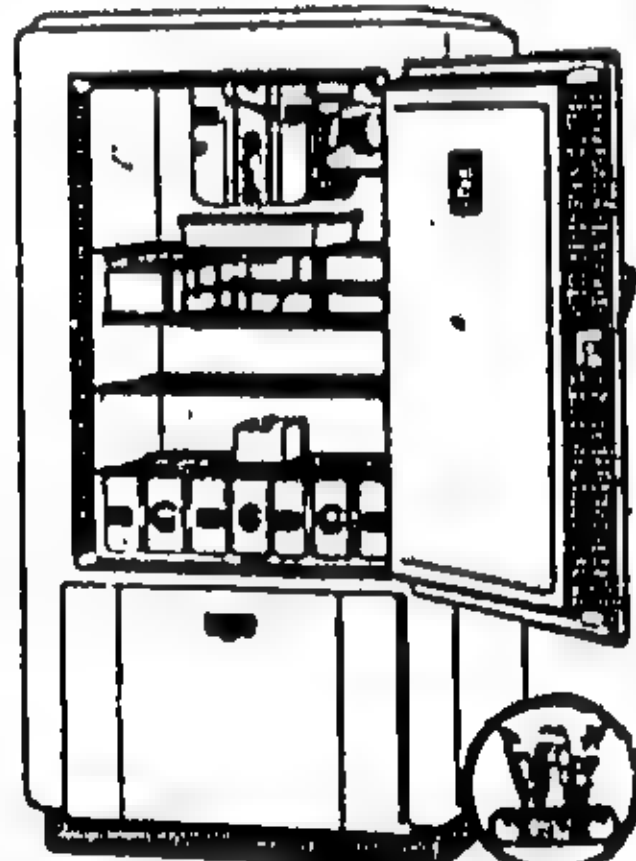
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## Hollywood Fashion Preview

Style Right, Style Bright—the movie star you see to-night will very likely give you the best in new ideas for your summer wardrobes.

**J**UST watch the Hollywood parade go by. Every fashion mood is represented. Skirts may be narrow or flared, length between 14 and 18 inches from the ground. Bodies may be bloused, draped, shirred, semi-fitted or basque-like, with or without a yoke. Belts may be half an inch to six inches wide, of leather, fabric, raffia or metal, placed above, below or exactly at the natural waist line.

If you are partial to period revivals, there are fichus and hem detail from the Colonial days; high waists, square necklines and hair ornaments from the Directoire period; the hoop-skirts, pointed bodices and picturesque jewellery of the Civil war era; bustles and pointed shoulders from the latter part of the century; the brief skirts and short hair cuts of the post-war flapper.

Examples of some of the newest styles will be found in Warner Brother's "The American

Family." Howard Shoup designed 50 dresses for the Lane sisters to wear in this forthcoming production. Fabrics are largely of informal cotton, which, incidentally, is first choice for all screen designers right now.

So take a look at the Hollywood Parade and adapt the fashion for yourself that is most becoming.

Be warned, however, of accessories. Now that dyers are all co-operating so beautifully, it is possible to match shoes, hose, bag, gloves, scarf, sweater and hat. This will, sure as shooting, tempt many of you ladies to go completely haywire.

Edith Head, particularly keen on advance millinery trends, is the designer for the forthcoming Paramount picture "Midnight."

Miss Head believes that large hats will be back with a vengeance, even the droopy merry widow affairs so flattering to most women. Bonnets are good, and turbans, made of flowers, will also be popular.

"I think there will be a fad for little girl hats," says Miss Head. "Saucers of straw worn back on the heads, with long velvet streamers will be back and the Gibson girl and Zaza period hats will, I feel certain, carry straight through the spring and summer millinery."

Omar Kiam is an enthusiastic advocate of femininity in fashions, as exemplified by tight bodices and short, pleated or ruffled skirts. In fact, he predicts skirts short enough to reveal glimpses of the gayest little fancy petticoats ever beheld. Materials, he says, will be of all varieties. Cheeks will be excellent; also polka dots, and he tells us to expect all sorts of weird combinations.

### The Woman Comments

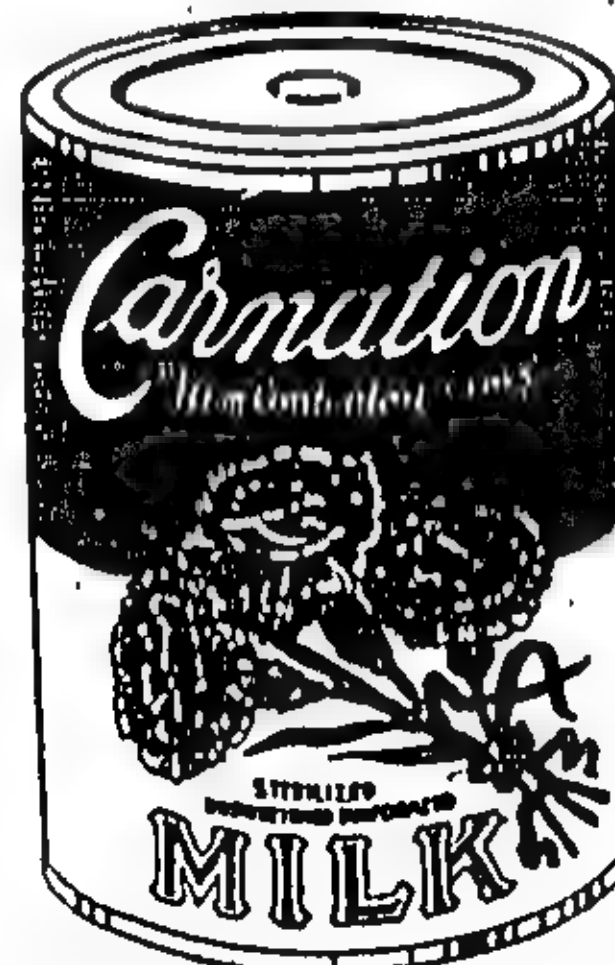
**SPAIN, Barcelona:** Women executioners have been reported in Spain. Matilde Larrea, recently arrested, was often requested by government authorities to shoot prisoners. Rosita Rivas, 16, is charged with machine gun execution of 35 Nationalist sympathisers.

**MASSACHUSETTS, Boston:** An anxious housewife telephoned Police Lieutenant Hugh Brady, requesting him to close her street to traffic for three hours while she baked a surprise cake for her husband.

**MARYLAND, Baltimore:** A fashion editor here claims that most women's feet are getting bigger. Sandals and bench shoes have caused feet to broaden.

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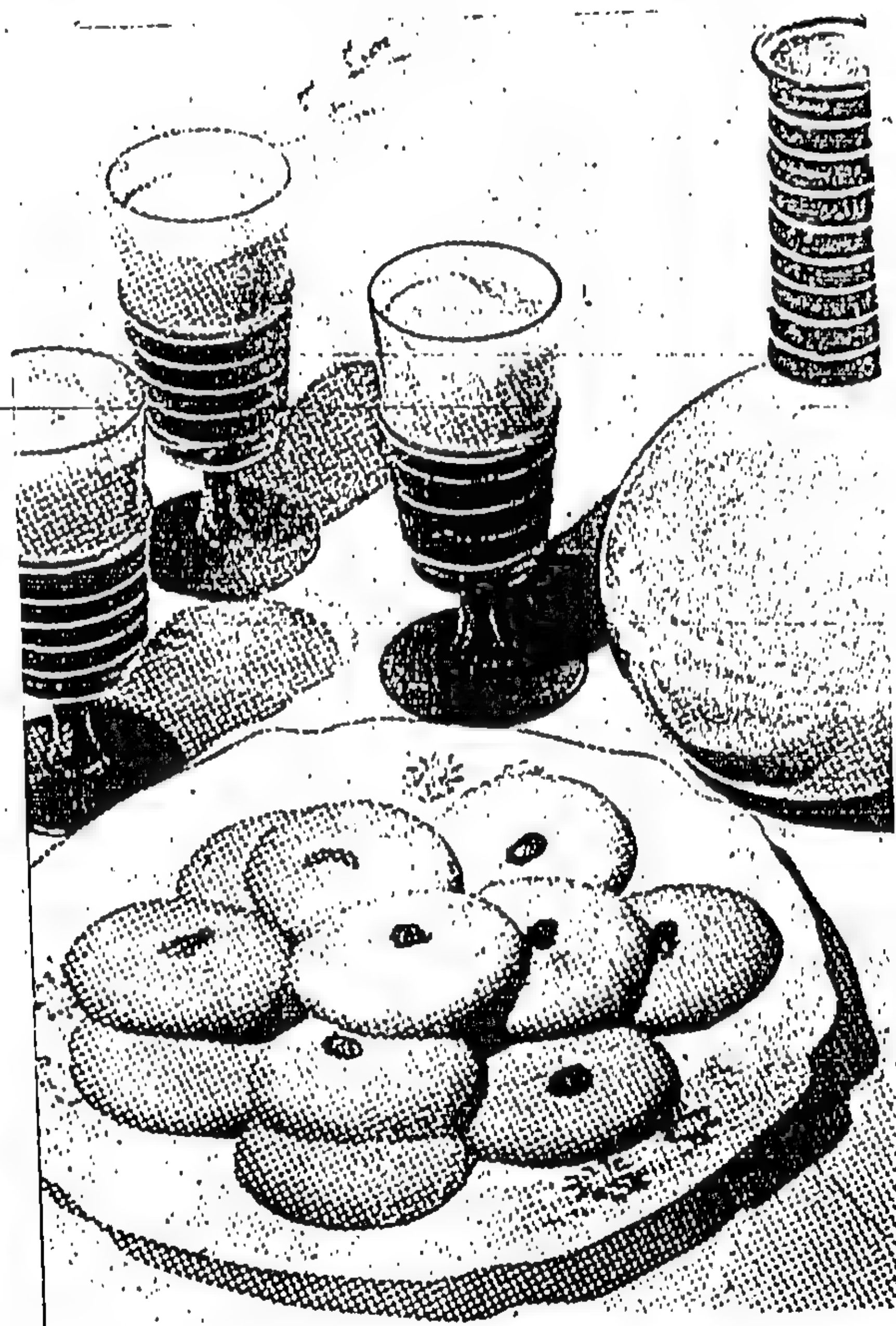


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AT ALL COMPRADORES

### The Weekly Recipe



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4 cups cake flour (sift before measuring)  
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1/4 tsp. salt  
1/2 cup shortening  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
2 (whole) eggs  
2/3 cup Carnation Evaporated Milk  
1/3 cup orange juice  
2 1/4 tsp. grated orange rind

Light oven and set at moderate (375° F.). Resift cake flour with

baking powder, soda and salt. Cream together soft shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat eggs in vigorously, then add flour mixture alternately with mixture of milk, orange juice and grated orange rind. Beat until smooth after each addition. Drop by teaspoons onto greased baking sheet. Bake 15 minutes, or until lightly browned. Makes 9 dozen.



# MAKE THE MOST OF YOURSELF

I used to think that if I could have had a word with the good fairy at my christening I should have asked, above all things, to be beautiful. Now I know better. I should have asked to be an opportunist. To be an opportunist is to see promise in everything. It is to be alert for chances. More than this, it is to have the courage to start big ventures with small beginnings.

What is success from a woman's viewpoint? What are the signs that herald her arrival as such? Admiration. Respect. Envy. You know it takes more than a pretty face to command these things. So don't rail at yourself if you fall short of beauty. You are not even handicapped. Confidence in yourself, the clear-sightedness to see opportunity in not-so-obvious places will get you across. With these you can turn some of your liabilities into assets.

You must believe in yourself, for the world will then accept you at your own valuation. Think of yourself as a plain nobody, and that's the label you'll carry to the end. Think of yourself as a person with unlimited powers of self-development, with a future just as big as you have the will to make it and, astonishingly, you will find people sharing your view.

Let us take a look at you. What is holding you back. Is it looks? No need to grieve about that. Perhaps you can't be pretty but you can be interesting. You can be a personality.

What's wrong? Is it an over-large mouth that worries you. All right—make it your distinguishing feature. Don't go around apologizing for it and cursing your luck. Above all, don't attempt to hide it. Choose your lipstick bright. If necessary, spend your last dollar at the dentist getting your teeth made healthy and even and dazzlingly white. Smile. Presently people will begin to refer to you as "the girl with the big mouth." Good, that's progress. Later it will be "the girl with the fascinating

Be as beautiful as you can make yourself. Be a good talker if you can't be a good looker. Be a good listener if you can't be a good talker. Result? You're a success!



Miss Angela Crofton, an Oxford society girl, and cousin of the Marquis of Hertford, caused quite a stir at a whist party recently by appearing with the trumps painted on her fingernails. Miss Crofton smiles and displays her hand. (Copyright, Fox).

mouth." Then, you've achieved something.

Do remember that to be plain is no tragedy, but to be nondescript is. The two are not synonymous. Nondescript colouring is a fault that puts thousands of women into the doldrums about themselves. Yet there is no excuse for mousiness now.

Suppose your hair is that "in between" colour. You're neither a blonde nor a brunette. What's that to worry about? Brush it, comb it, shampoo it, massage it with oil. Do all these things regularly and untiringly until your hair is shining and soft. The lovely sheen of health and good grooming is as good as rare colouring any day, and any one can have it.

Make-up will provide the colouring that your skin, your eyes and your mouth seem to lack, but use these substitutes cleverly, please. Making up to improve yourself is an art. Anybody can use make-up, but few people can use it correctly. Use your mascara, rouge and lipstick as carefully as if they were dynamite. They will soon banish your colourlessness.

If you are naturally pale with the transparency that is not of ill-health and sluggish circulation, make a feature of your paleness. Feed your skin with good cream, coax and care for it until it is fine and white and delicate. Make up your eyes and lips to accentuate its lily paleness, and be grateful you have such a distinguishing charm.

"Don't be a copyist, be an individual. Perhaps you can't be beautiful, but you can be different."

How about your figure? Is that a source of displeasure too? If so, and you cannot improve it,

So if you are tall or short or fat or thin, away with complexes. Pay meticulous care to dress. If your clothes are well cut, becoming to you and original in the best sense, any lack of perfect shapeliness will be forgotten.

If you are over-tall, learn to carry yourself with grace and ease. A tall woman is only ridiculous and ungainly when she stoops or attempts to disguise her length. Forget your hankering to be a thistledown creature and concentrate on being a successful tall woman. You can wear clothes well. You have dignity, presence, and it's your own fault if, through slovenly carriage, you are without grace.

If you are one of the pocket Venus type, concentrate on piquancy and daintiness. Again, see to it that your clothes are good and distinguished. Smallness of stature calls for some originality in dress if the wearer is to be noticed, yet originality must be in perfect taste. It is fatally easy for the small woman to look like a sparrow wearing a peacock's tail.

It takes hard work to be distinguished, but there is no deeper magic in it than that. I guarantee you that an alert intellect, a grand sense of humour and a gay and sympathetic philosophy will carry you farther than good looks. But you don't get anywhere without a hard fight. If your physical presence doesn't command attention you must get it by your personality, by your interest as an individual. To do this you must be poised sure of yourself, and self-confidence only comes with the knowledge that you have something to give.

Be a good talker if you can't be a good looker. Be a good listener if you can't be a good talker. Know about things. Be assured that within you is the power to become whatever you wish.

## For Your Beauty's Sake

Check your shoes to be sure they have no roughness on the inner surface, particularly at the heel. If there are any rough spots, rub an almost dry cake of soap over them a few times. This is an old housewife's remedy, and though a little on the quaint side, it really turns the trick.—*Harper's Bazaar*.

Actually in talking you shouldn't use your hands at all unless they bring out some special point. People don't use their wrists enough. A very neat little trick is pointing the tips of the fingers upward. Always. Never allow a droop like Zazu Pitts.

If you fold your hands in front of you it will add ten years to your age and immediately stamp you as the matron. They should be relaxed at the sides when standing, and whether it is the hands or the feet, there should always be counter-balance, one hand or foot should be slightly ahead of the other.—*Doris Bramson Whitehouse in The Boston Sunday Post*.



# COLUMBIA FINDS "GOLDEN BOY"

"I DIDN'T think I had a chance."

That was the answer inexperienced, twenty-one year old William Holden gave when he was asked why he had never applied for the star role in Columbia's film version of Clifford Odets' Broadway hit play, "Golden Boy".

Innumerable other young men some as obscure as Holden, others well-known as leading men on both stage and screen had been less humble. Director Rouben Mamoulian, ever since the announcement in March 1938, of Columbia's purchase of the Group

Unknown College Student Assigned To Name Part in Film Version of Clifford Odets' Successful Stage Play.

Theatre's most successful play, had been swamped with applications for what is conceded to be one of the most coveted roles of the year. He has seen and interviewed thousands of young men, all of whom were convinced that they possessed exactly the right combination of a pugilist's strength and an artist's sensitivity to play the Odets hero. He has read tens of thousands of let-

ters, considered tens of thousands of photographs.

But for a whole year, Golden Boy eluded Columbia and Mamoulian. The star who would play opposite the Boy was announced on March 10th as Barbara Stanwyck. Adolphe Menjou was slated for an important role. The rest of the cast was rapidly being assembled, and still no young man had been found to play the part of Odets' youthful violinist who turns prize-fighter.

Then, one day, Mamoulian was looking at some Paramount tests, in his search for a girl to play Anna, Golden Boy's sister. Attracted by the appearance and personality of the young player assisting in the tests, he sent for



William Holden, Hollywood's man of the hour . . . descendant of English, French and Dutch ancestry . . . was unknown until . . .

Holden. The boy, bewildered by this incredible thing that was happening to him, was interviewed, tested and signed for the role, all within the space of twenty-four hours.

So now, all the elaborate machinery of an outstanding production has been set in motion. A tall, slim, rather shy man—his height six feet, weight 165 pounds, brown hair and blue eyes—finds himself the central figure in an important picture. A young man who has had no professional experience, on either stage or screen, and has appeared only in amateur productions of the Pasadena Community Playhouse, is suddenly a star.

Bill Holden, was born in an obscure Illinois town named O'Fallon and is the son of a chemist, who had often expressed a hope that his son would be a chemist, too.

But fate had bigger things in store for young Holden.



Columbia's composite photograph of the man they were searching for . . . a little bit of Tyrone Power, Errol Flynn, Cary Grant, Charles Boyer and Wayne Morris rolled into one. This photograph was given publicity in the "Sunday Herald" some months ago, but reports give no indication as to whether any applications were received from Hong Kong.



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# NOW THAT YOU'RE FORTY

**D**ON'T let that well-known adage, time and tide wait for no man, give you the jitters when you're flirting with the forties. There's really no need for apprehension. If you are inclined to view the years beyond the two score mark through indigo glasses, ogle the optimistic reports of our modern scientists and statisticians. Your outlook will promptly assume the proper rosy hue.

Frankly, it's heartening to see just what our scientists and research technicians have accomplished in increasing our life cycle. For example, a child born in 1935 has a chance to live 13.62 years longer than one born in 1911. Likewise, a knowledge of proper diet and living standards has helped reduce the number of deaths per 100,000, 43 percent between 1911 and 1935.

Now then, doesn't it make you thankful that you are living in an enlightened age? And when I say living, I mean just that. There are those who will tell you that the intricacies of modern civilization have curtailed our enjoyment of living. Theoretically this may be true, but those who adhere to the comparatively simple natural law of life, as distinguished from complex civilization, bear witness to its falsity.

Educating people to the proper food selections, has resulted in a decrease of 83 percent in deaths from food poisoning; from typhoid, 95 percent; from diphtheria, 91 per cent and from tuberculosis, 76 percent.

"That's fine," you may say, "but I'm on the eve of my fortieth birthday. Where do I come in on all of these statistics?"

Right here. If you've reached forty, you have a life expectancy of 32.15 additional years. But that is not all. When you have reached 72, there is a good likelihood of reaching 81. All of which means that you still have the better part of your life ahead of you, if you choose to make it

Put on your rose coloured glasses! You can be young in heart, youthful in figure, vigorous in your activities and live happily ever after 40!



Reminiscent of the autumn grape harvest dresses worn by peasant women in Europe, this floral print frock uses white on blue. The mere skeleton of fruit and flowers is traced in an all-over pattern, and the style of the frock is simple, out of courtesy to the design. Rose Stradner, Columbia's Continental star, wears it, and for accessories she chooses white pumps and a large-brimmed hat with quilted fabric brim and cone-shaped contrasting crown.

so. Had you celebrated your fortieth birthday in 1910, your life expectancy would have been three years less. Don't tell us that the diet technician and scientist haven't added years to your life.

As for those who may object to the statement that these can be the best years of one's life . . . Why shouldn't they be? Psychologically and philosophically the middle-aged individual has privileges beyond and above those granted younger people. You at forty have reached the age where you can reflect upon your experiences of the past, and take the time to evolve for yourself a philosophy of life. Youth doesn't have the time nor temperament for such musings. So much for that phase of the picture.

Organically, science has made it possible for you to enjoy these later years with as great enthusiasm and fervour as marked your youth. By proper attention to your nutrition, an extension of the life cycle by some seven years is possible. Besides, correct diet will enable you to stave off old age while exhibiting those characteristics identified with individuals many years your junior.

To many women, 'sad to relate, fat and forty' are synonymous. For your health's sake and for your figure's sake, avoid this ambiguity. It is neither flattering nor conducive to attaining nor retaining that spirit of youth.

Closely linked to this matter of leading an active and happy life

beth Barrett Browning, English poet beloved by many, had her longest work, *Aurora Leigh*, published at the age of 50 and was prolific in her writings in her later years. Florence Nightingale, English philanthropist, accomplished much of her humanitarian work after she had passed two score years. Search your history books, you will find other examples of women whose lives were replete with fruitful accomplishments, into and beyond that period regarded by many with perplexity and misgivings.

Scant room for such emotions in an era like ours. With a will to do and the knowledge placed at her disposal by the scientists and dietitians, the modern woman nearing forty years has the wherewithal to enjoy a fuller and happier life than did her forebears. Isn't that a happy thought, to dispel that past forty bugaboo --and doesn't it make life more worth while?



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## Laughter and Health

For some reason that is not clear to me, hearty laughter seems to be considered slightly vulgar nowadays.

The smile, the snigger, the titter, the giggle, and that curious sound suggesting the escape of water from a bath, which is made by amused people with adenoids — all these are permissible and popular; but the full-throated guffaw — the kind that rocks the ornaments on the piano and sends the cat streaking for cover — is definitely Not Done.

This is regrettable, because laughter is the only infectious complaint which is beneficial to the health, as any Harley Street specialist will attest.—K. R. G. Browne, in *The Psychologist*.

### FEMININE QUEERIOSITIES

Queen Catherine II, of Russia, kept her hairdresser captive in an iron cage for three years, because she didn't want the hairdresser to gossip about the royal wig. Catherine drank five cups of coffee every morning, and would not open a letter unless "Imperial Majesty" appeared on the envelope.



# THE WORLD—IN LIGHTER VEIN

## WEIGHTY REASON

Sandy: "I hear that you and Maggie have been reconciled and are to be married after all?"

Mae: "Quite right. You see, Maggie has put on weight and we couldn't get the engagement ring off her finger." — *All for Alla.*

## Sense Of Humour

When an Englishman is told a joke, he laughs three times: first, to be polite; second, when the joke is explained; and third, when he catches on.

When a German is told a joke, he laughs twice: first, to be polite, and second, when the joke is explained. He doesn't catch on.

When a Frenchman is told a joke, he laughs once: he catches on immediately.

When an American is told a joke, he doesn't laugh at all: he's heard it before.

—Oh, well, you're an American, aren't you?

## VERY POLITE

Little Greta came into the kitchen whilst mother was talking to the milkman. She just stood and stared.

Mother: "Well, Greta, what do you say to the gentleman who brings you your nice milk every day?"

Greta (shaking hands): "I am very glad to meet you. And how is your cow?" — *Korulla.*

## NOT GOOD ENOUGH

"Anna, I have told you ever so many times not to speak of the living-room. You should say 'dining-room.'"

"Yes, ma'am, but to-day there is only sausage and mashed for dinner." — *Kaprice.*

## PLAYING SAFE

Filling Station Man: "Check your oil, sir?"

Farmer Jones: "Nope, thank you, I'm taking it with me." — *Wall Street Journal.*

## SAME, ONLY THINNER

Customer: "How's the vegetable soup to-day?"

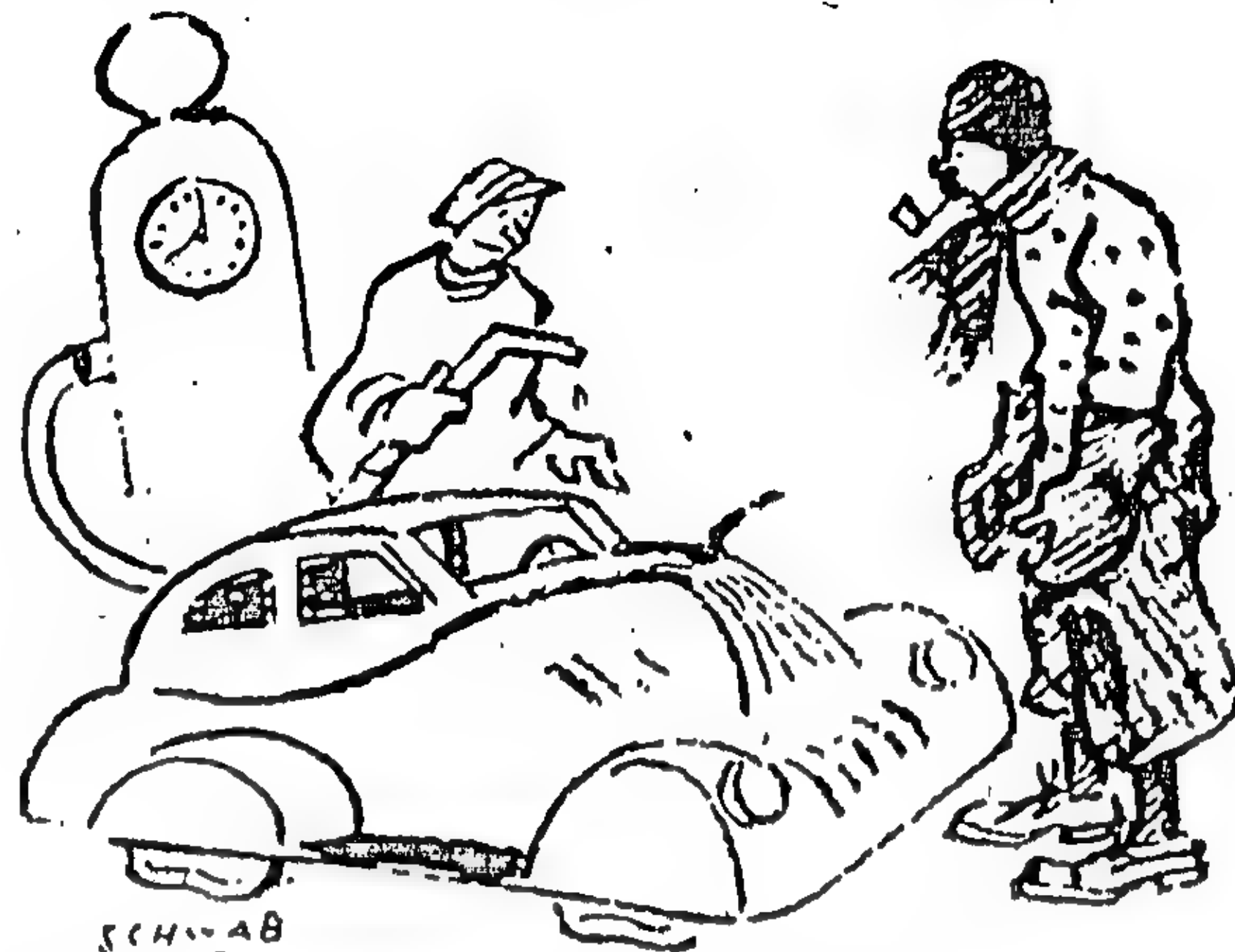
Waiter: "Well, sir, it's a good deal like our hash, only it's looser." — *Brushing Up.*

## LUBRICATION NEEDED

An old Harvard instructor used to tell the story of the time Theodore Roosevelt was a student in his class. One day young Roosevelt was rehearsing a poem to be recited for public declaration. He got as far as a line that read: "When Greece, her knees in suppliance bent."

Then he stuck and couldn't go any further. Again he repeated: "When Greece, her knees —" and still he stuck.

Once more he repeated the four words, when finally the instructor said: "Roosevelt, suppose you grease her knees again, and then perhaps she'll go." — *Christian Science Monitor.*



"How much petrol, sir?"  
"Let me see—I am not going far. Put me in a quart of petrol and a half-pint of oil."  
"And shall I breathe some air into the tyres, sir?" — *Sundagsskive Strix, Stockholm.*

## AT LAST

Kimbel went out shooting. All that he shot was Bellman's cow. Bellman: "Great Scott, is this the first time you've been out shooting?"

Kimbel: "No, but it's the first time I've hit anything." — *Wachenschan.*

## RECORD

"I was outspoken at the meeting of the Woman's Club to-day," remarked Mrs. Sayit.

"Hm-m!" hm-m! her husband. "Who — outspoken — you?" — *Detroit News.*

## CHILD OF TO-DAY

"Look, Johnny, a lovely puff-puff!"

"Yes, Nurse, a double-articulated coal-fired Pacific type, if I am not mistaken." — *Christian Science Monitor.*



## UNBIASED

It is sometimes difficult to fill a jury panel with persons wholly unprejudiced regarding the case to be heard.

During a certain trial the judge asked McGinnis if he had formed any opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the prisoner.

"O! have not," replied the jurymen.

"Have you any conscientious scruples against capital punishment?" was the next question.

Said McGinnis emphatically: "Not in this case, Yer Honour." — *Louisville Courier.*

## NO CHANCE YET

Teacher: "Smith minor, what do you know about Cleopatra?"

Smith minor: "Nothing, sir. The film has not been to our cinema yet." — *Moustique.*

## ON THE SPOT

"I am taking a rest cure,"

"Oh, what do you do?"

"I sit every day for three hours in the waitingroom of a very busy doctor." — *Madras Merry Mag.*

## CONSOLATION

A certain sportsman was playing over a golf course in Scotland, and playing very badly.

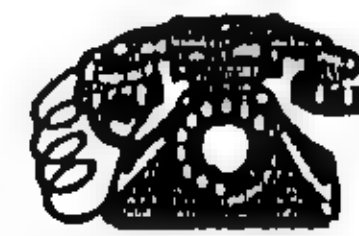
"Dear, dear!" he remarked at last, "there canna be worse players than myself!"

"Weel, weel, maybe there are worse players," commented the caddie consolingly, "but they dinna play." — *Toronto Globe.*

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## The Week's Personalities



Betty Smith, honours student in the Preparatory Division (Planoforte) examinations held recently, is a pupil of Miss A. L. L. L. (L. T. C. L.).



Miss Rosaleen Grant, daughter of Mrs. K. Grant. (Bann's Studio).



Mr. H. West, Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys, Public Works Dept., and Non-Official Justice of the Peace. (Bann's Studio).



Mr. H. F. Dyott, Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce at Tientsin, who figured in a sensational episode with Chinese bandits in February, when he was held captive by them for 17 days. Mr. and Mrs. Dyott passed through Hong Kong on their way to Europe, and were present at Government House Garden Party on June 8th. (Bann's Studio).



Master Li Yee Kwan, son of General Li Fang. (Royal Studio).



The Misses Patricia and Sheila Reeve, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Reeve. (Bann's Studio).



Nancy Gowans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gowans. (Bann's Studio).

## MANY A MAN IS DISCUSSED LIKE THIS by his employers



Here's the salary list. Johnson's asking for a rise... says he's got heavy expenses... two girls to educate

That's not the point. Does Johnson's work justify a rise? Personally I think not...

I agree Johnson's a decent chap, but he seems half asleep lately. Look how he bungled those two truck orders. Pure slackness!

Well, I'm sorry for Johnson. He's done excellent work in the past. Still, the general feeling seems to be against him, so...



### THAT EVENING.



But all the girls are going to camp, Daddy! Why can't we go? It won't cost much...

Can't promise now, children. We'll see about it later. I'm tired now

### A LITTLE LATER



POOR KIDS - I HATE TO DISAPPOINT THEM, BUT WHAT CAN I DO? NO RISE THIS YEAR... ANYTHING MAY HAPPEN IF I DON'T PULL MYSELF TOGETHER... SHAKE OFF THIS EVERLASTING TIREDNESS



THINKS: IT BREAKS MY HEART TO SEE HIM SLUMPED DOWN LIKE THIS EVENING AFTER EVENING. I'M SURE THIS TIREDNESS OF HIS IS AT THE BOTTOM OF EVERYTHING. IF ONLY HE'D SEE A DOCTOR

### AT THE DOCTOR'S



It's like a dead weight pulling on me all the time doctor. I even wake tired

Well naturally, Mr. Johnson - that always happens with Night Starvation. You see even at night you go on using up energy in breathing, heartbeats and other automatic actions. Unless energy is replaced during sleep you're bound to wake tired, feel unequal to your work. I advise Horlicks

### SO HORLICKS EVERY NIGHT



Look out old lady! Here comes a fast one!



AND ALMOST AT ONCE JOHNSON BEGAN TO GET BACK HIS OLD VITALITY AND ALERTNESS

### TWO MONTHS LATER



Is that Mrs. Johnson? Darling, I must tell you I've just been lunching with the boss, and he said some pretty nice things! Shouldn't be surprised if I'm put in charge of the branch office!



Thanks to you darling and Horlicks!



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Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Ng, after their marriage at the Registry, Supreme Court, on June 10th. The bridegroom is a graduate of the University of Shanghai, and the bride is the former Miss Margaret Au-Yang. (Hann's Studio).



Miss Marian Paterson (front row centre), photographed with her friends on the occasion of her 8th birthday. (Hann's Studio).

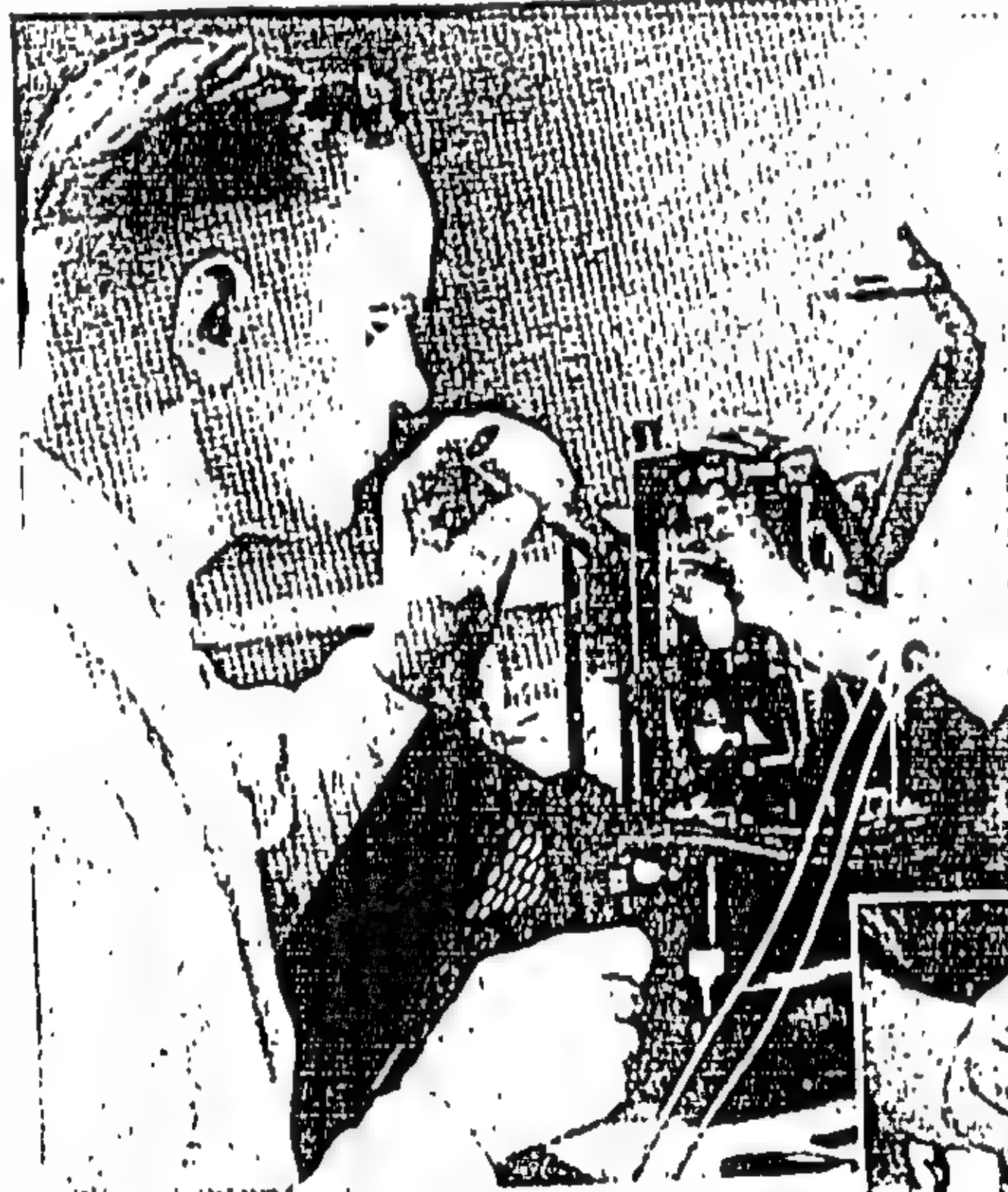


Successful pianoforte students of Mrs. C. I. Shand, L.R.A.M., who passed according to their respective merits in the recent Trinity College of Music Examinations. (Back row): From left to right: Cheung Lai Wan, honours (Higher Local); Phyllis Ling merit (H. L.); Lily Tsang, merit (H. L.); Wong Fung Seen, passed (H. L.); David Choa, passed (Senior); Amy Tsang, honours (Intermediate). Front row: Yvonne Blackmore, merit (Junior); Elizabeth Gittins, honours (Preparatory); James Webster, merit (P.); Cynthia Lo, merit (P.); Anne Mackenzie, merit (P.); Claire Routley, merit (P.); and seated, Laureen Clemo, honours (Initial), and Johnny Choa, honours (I.). (Hann's Studio).



Mr. A. T. Godfrey, and his bride, the former Miss Constance Irene Mellor, whose marriage took place in St. Andrew's Church on June 10th.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Ip, photographed at the entrance to the Registry, Supreme Court, following their marriage on June 12th. The bride is the former Miss Alice Kwok. (Royal Studio).



# Guarantee Of Eastern Frontier The Snag In Anglo-Russian Negotiations

Britain Prepared To Accept Soviet Baltic States Proposals

## GERMAN C.G. IN CANTON PROMOTED

Canton, Yesterday.  
Herr Felix Altenburg, German Consul-General in Canton, is reported to have been promoted Counsellor of the Embassy in China.  
Herr Altenburg will be concurrently chargé d'affaires in the absence of the Ambassador, Dr. Oscar Trautmann, who has been recalled to Germany.—Reuter.

## Wreckers Busy In Canton

Canton, Yesterday.  
CONSIDERABLE speculation surrounds the activities of a band of mysterious wreckers who have been at work on the telephone system.

Peculiar fact is that on both occasions when the telephone system has been interfered with, it was only the foreign Consulate on Shumien which was affected.

Reliable quarters are inclined to dismiss the theory that Chinese guerrillas are responsible.



Instead, they suggest that the interruption of the foreign area's telephone service was a Japanese-instigated act designed to cause annoyance. — Our Own Correspondent.

Prince Paul and Princess Olga of Yugoslavia were given as grandiose a welcome in Berlin as was given to Mussolini. After a great military welcome and a state banquet, Prince Paul was the guest of honour at a vast parade in the Avenue of Triumph in Berlin. Herr Hitler takes the salute as the thousands of troops go marching by. Prince Paul is seen on his right. (By Air Mail).

## Written Pledge On Far East Wanted By Moscow

London, Yesterday.

Well-informed circles here claim to have learned from a most reliable source that East Asia and not the guarantee to the Baltic States is the most difficult point of the Moscow negotiations.

It is stated that the British Government are prepared to accept the Russian viewpoint regarding the guarantee to the Baltic States, and would together with the Soviet Government try to find a way to fulfil Moscow's wishes in every respect.

A cleavage of opinion no longer exists on that subject, it is declared here.

The Kremlin, however, demands a binding British assurance in case that while fulfilling her obligations Soviet Russia should come into conflict with Japan and, furthermore, a plain British declaration of assistance to the Soviet Union in any conflict with Japan.

The British Government, according to these same circles, have agreed to this in principle but refuse to put their assurances in writing.

In order to allay Russian objections to such a procedure, Mr. William Strang, head of the Central European Department of the Foreign Office, is reported to have been instructed to reiterate these assurances once more verbally; his authority as an emissary of the British Government is thus believed to be of special weight.

### WRITTEN PLEDGE

Moscow's official statement that the negotiations are "not quite promising" is believed to be directly connected with that subject and the same London circles claim to know that M. Molotov, notwithstanding all reports of Mr. Strang's desire to convince the Russians of the binding force even of only verbal assurances by Britain, insists on a clear and unambiguous written pledge of assistance in the Far East.

The British Government's disinclination to give such a written pledge is believed here to be due to fear of serious repercussions in East Asia if such a pledge should become known there. — Trans-Ocean.

### THREE-HOUR DISCUSSION

London, Yesterday.

An interesting discussion was held in Moscow in the course of which Sir William Seeds, the British Ambassador, Mr. William Strang, special deputy of the British Foreign Office, and M. Molotov, the Soviet Minister of Foreign Affairs, discussed the proposed "pact" for almost three hours.

Following the meeting, the three parties to the talk refused to commit themselves to any official pronouncement.

It is understood, however, and the information comes from a reliable source, that they are now very much nearer arriving at a formula acceptable to both Britain and Soviet Russia.

One report, from usually well-informed sources, even goes so far as to say that an agreement has already been reached in principle, mainly on the basis of the Soviet proposals. This agreement, it is maintained, meets the Soviet demands for a guarantee of the Baltic States in a manner which might be acceptable to both parties.

### SOMEWHAT VAGUE

Nevertheless, although some form of an agreement would appear to have been reached in principle, it is reliably learnt that the Soviet Government is still not satisfied with the Anglo-French proposals in detail. The formula presented by Mr. Strang on behalf of the French and British Governments is not

## DEMOBBED TROOPS GIVE TROUBLE

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

THERE IS STILL TROUBLE IN SPAIN, IF REPORTS FROM THAT COUNTRY ARE TO BE BELIEVED.

General Franco's Administration is said to be experiencing great difficulties in the provinces, where demobilised soldiers are openly criticising the regime.

The discontent among the ex-servicemen is particularly intense in those regions where the nationalist forces were most active during the Civil War.

The realisation that while they were fighting for Franco the nationalist air force was busy destroying their homesteads, has turned many thousands of young men into ardent partisans of the Republican cause. — Our Own Correspondent.

## THE CAMPBELLS ARE COMING --TO PARIS

London, Yesterday.

Informed quarters here expect that the British Ambassador in Paris, Sir Eric Phipps, will relinquish his post in the autumn.

As it is not yet known who will succeed Sir Eric at the Paris Embassy, the Chief Diplomatic Adviser to the British Government, Sir Robert Vansittart, and the British Minister in Belgrade, Sir Ronald Campbell, are mentioned as candidates for the Paris post.

Should the last named be appointed, the two chief posts at the Embassy would be held by members of the Campbell Clan, since the present Chief Counsellor of the Embassy, Sir Ronald Campbell, is also a member of the Campbell Clan. — Trans-Ocean.

## JUNK MURDER CHARGE

At the request of Sub-Inspector R. Cunningham, Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday remanded Leung Choi-lee, 33, for three days in police custody, when the latter was charged with murdering Lo Ho on board a junk at Cheung Chau Harbour on May 16.

He was further charged with robbing Cheung Tai-tai of jewellery, clothing and money. The case will be transferred to the District Officer, South, for hearing.

Said to be "wholly satisfactory" and to be somewhat vague in certain respects. These respects were the chief topic of the three-hour talk yesterday.

Another lengthy conversation between Sir William Seeds, M. Molotov and Mr. Strang is projected. — Our Own Correspondent.

# GROWING UP



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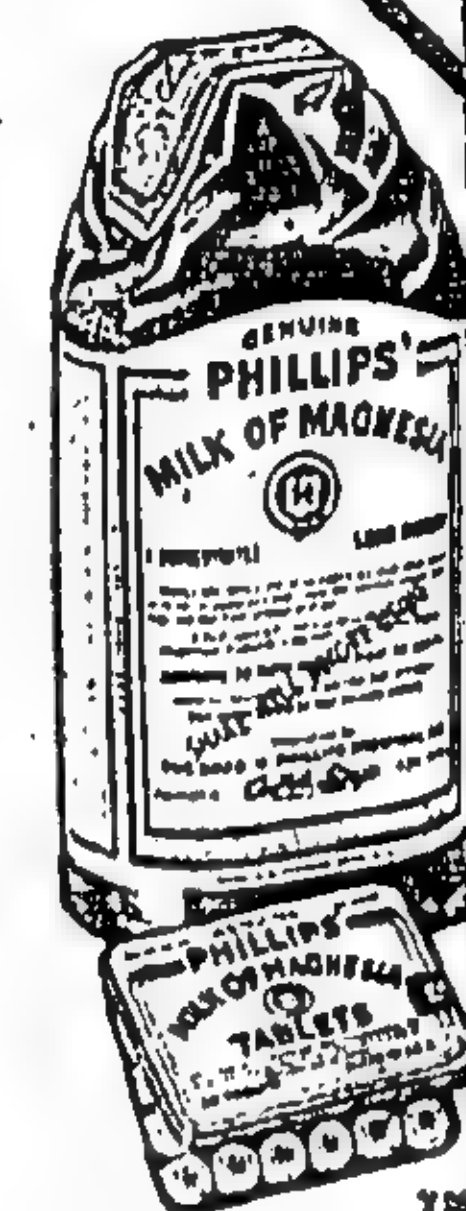
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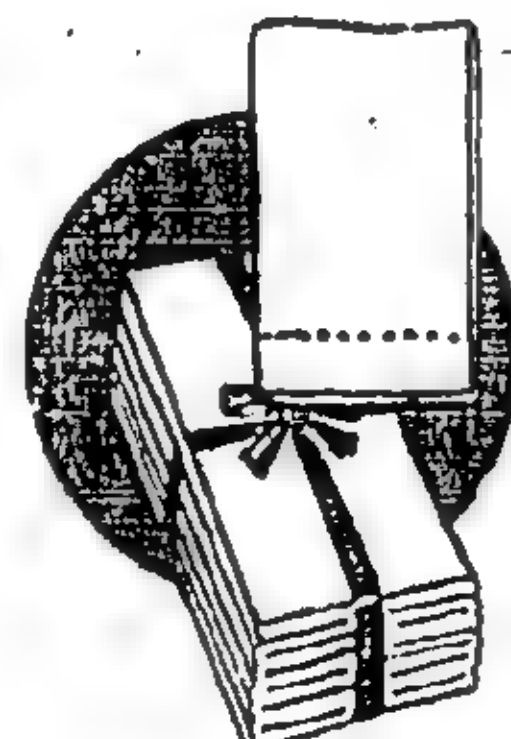
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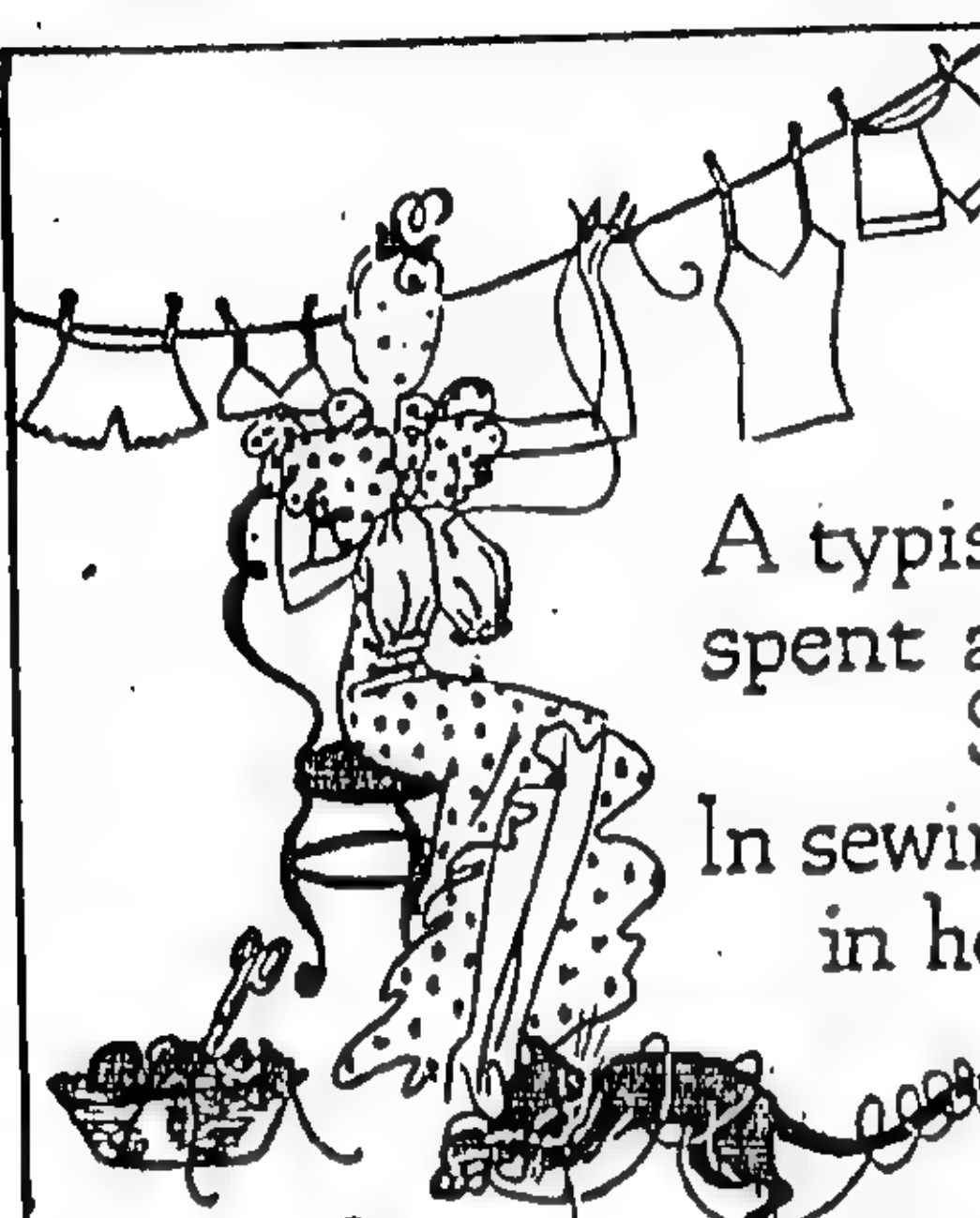


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## New Luxury Sailing Cruiser Hidden Under Junk Exterior

### Latest Product Of Colony's Shipping Yards

About the middle of next November, one of the finest junks and sea-going wooden vessels ever to be launched on the China Coast will enter the water from Ah King's slipway in Causeway Bay.

Work on the vessel has already started under the personal supervision of Mr. Thomas Kilkenny, who has already crossed the Pacific under sail and is building a number of sailing craft at the slipway, including two delightful little 18-foot yachts for a San Francisco yacht club and a brigantine for a rich American who is retiring from the active world and plans to spend the rest of his days sailing around the globe.

Unlike most junks which have sailed from China waters under a foreign flag, Mr. Kilkenny's vessel will not be an adaption of the Chinese-type sailing-vessel but, from the initial sketches, will come up to the highest specifications at Lloyd's for wooden sailing ships.

Outwardly, she will be a junk. Inwardly, she will be a luxury sailing cruiser, with engines, electricity, private bathrooms, wireless, and refrigerator space.

Interviewed by a representative of the "Sunday Herald" as he took time off from his eight-hour-a-day task of overseeing the work, Mr. Kilkenny said that outwardly the junk would conform to the lines of the famous Foochow Trader, which in past years—many years ago—sailed at least five of the Seven Seas.

Plans for the craft, which will be 96 feet long and weigh about 120 tons without engines, cargo, etc., were drawn up by a naval architect. Mr. Kilkenny and the naval architect went to Swatow not long ago, secured the loan of a somewhat smaller vessel of the same time, hauled her up on the beach, and proceeded to measure her from stem to stern.

#### NON-FLOATING WOOD

All plans, sketches and diagrams have now been completed and, in fact, work has already started on the keel, ribs and so on. Teak and yacal from Borneo is being used throughout; the latter wood is so heavy that it does not float, and dozens of logs are lying under the water at the slipway. The wood is particularly strong and hardwearing.

When the "Sunday Herald" representative visited the slipway, some 16 to 20 men were busy sawing away at logs, or making the ribs; especial care has to be taken with the ribs in the matter of ensuring the run of the grain, for in rough seas they have to take a tremendous strain and they must be as strong as possible.

#### ELECTRIC WINCHES

As an indication of the type of preliminary work that has to be done, ten-foot concrete piles had to be driven into the soil of the slipway in order to support the heavy vessel when it nears completion; in addition, the roof of the shed will have to be raised several feet as soon as the ribs start going into place.

The photograph accompanying this article shows the basic lines of the junk; the photograph is actually of a model which was built for Sir Frederick Maze's famous collection. The model is of a combined passenger-cargo junk, the cabin just before the poop deck being for "First Class" passengers. This will form the "living room."

Anchors, and the 7,000 square yards of canvas which go to make up the three sails—fore, main and mizzen—will be hoisted by electric winches, enabling the sails to be raised with the minimum of effort and wasted time.

#### NO PORT-HOLES

The junk will be about 96 feet long overall, with a breadth of 24 feet at its widest point and a 10-foot draft. There will be no port-holes into the various staterooms below, but heavy glass insets, prism-shaped, will be set into the deck and those are expected to

provide ample light during the day.

Basically, however, the junk will be a full-fledged Foochow Trader as far as its outward lines are concerned. True, the tiller-handle will be replaced by a wheel for the Singapore and Trans-Pacific trips, but the original form of the helm will be installed once the Bahamas are reached.

#### BELOW DECKS

Below decks, the accommodation surpasses that of many similar, Western-type yachts of similar class and build.

Forward, in what might be termed the fore-cabin, is a large single-cabin, entrance to which is secured through a hatchway. This will be the crew's quarters, housing anywhere from fifteen to twenty men. This section of the ship will be entirely separated from the rest of the below-deck accommodation, entrance to which is obtained through a large hatchway at the stern.

On the other side of the bulkhead will be the galley, running the full width of the ship, and fitted with all the latest and finest in cooking apparatus; electric stoves,

#### COED STORAGE ROOM

Included in the ship's refrigeration plant is a large cold storage room, entrance to which is obtained through a door. In it meat, etc., may be hung up to freeze.

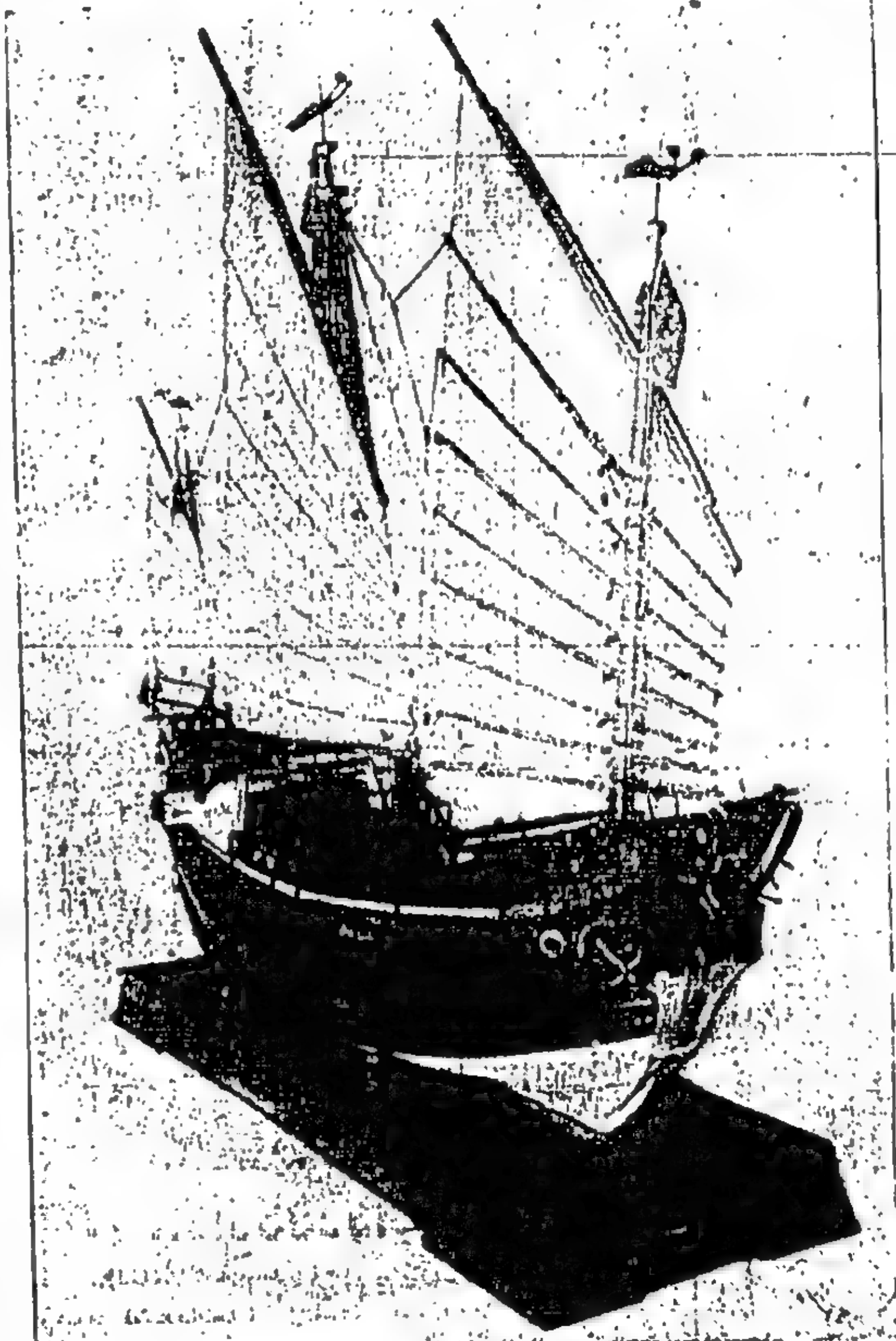
### OLDEST ENVOY TO LEAVE

London, Yesterday. The Diplomatic Corps in London is to lose its oldest accredited representative at the end of the year. M. Charles Paravicini is 67, and has been Swiss Minister here since 1920. He is expected to announce officially this autumn that he will relinquish his post in December.—Our Own Correspondent.

Next to the galley is the saloon, also running the full width of the junk. Furniture in the saloon includes a long table, sofa running along one wall, chairs, and a small, but fully equipped, bar! Next comes the engine-room, housing two powerful Diesel engines. Enough fuel will be carried to enable the junk to cruise from 4,500 to 5,000 miles on her engines. Twin-screws are being fitted.

#### PRIVATE BATHS!

Then come the five staterooms, including the "Owner's Stateroom," which is right at the stern and is about twice as large as the other cabins. Each cabin is fitted with its own bathroom, with flush toilet system, hot and cold running water, and either a bath or a shower. Bunks, with the most comfort.



### GETTING CLOSER TO GENEVA

London, Yesterday. Fulfilling the wish of several member-States anxious to bring States at present outside the League closer to the great Geneva institution, M. Joseph Avenol, League Secretary, has decided to create a special Committee for the purpose.

Mr. Stanley Bruce, High Commissioner for Australia in London, is likely to be appointed chairman, and he will be assisted by the representatives of seven nations.—Our Own Correspondent.

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Before He Left Europe. General Jose Miaja, Defender Of Madrid Wrote Two Articles On Motorised Warfare For The "Sunday Herald." The First Is Entitled

## Difficulties Of The Offensive

IF, after three years of a war in which all modern means of combat were used except gas, I were asked to sum up my experience in a form clear to the general public, I should simply say: "Modern arms have made an offensive more costly and a defensive cheaper."

This of course does not mean that modern offensive weapons have not increased the cost of a defence, but that the disproportion between those required for attacking and those necessary for defence increase apace with the modernisation of armaments. The example of tank speaks for itself. The mass of tanks required for an effective operation represents a material value infinitely higher than that of the corresponding anti-tank defence. It is possible to beat back a tank attack with a material which is far less expensive than that of the adversary. In Spain, as we had no modern anti-tank weapons, the republican troops merely utilised old "75" guns drilled at O. It is obvious that war organised on a purely technical basis demands anti-tank guns with their modern devices and perforating shells, but even then, it is certain that there is an enormous disproportion of price between the defensive and the offensive weapon.

### More Expensive To Attack

It is always more expensive to attack. Resistance—allowing of course for man-power to which reference will be made later on, is possible with arms whose proportionate inferiority increases with the modernisation of the offensive weapons used by the enemy. During the nationalist offensive in the Levante, there was a moment when the Italians attacked a little hill in Sarrion and went so far as to batter this limited objective with twenty thousand projectiles. This extraordinary and excessively expensive mass of fire was not sufficient to dislodge their adversaries from a position that could be held with very small effectives. The Italians speedily recognised that this wastage of material, which, according to their tactics, was intended to eliminate all resistance, was ineffectual and very expensive; and, following this really impressive artillery demonstration, this method was rectified by a general order of the commander-in-chief and a regular firing discipline was imposed, for it was a fact that the tactics of the Italian artillery implied such a consumption of ammunition that they would have caused a serious drain upon the Italian production and reserves.

### An Italian Failing

That is to say that, not only in a European war involving equally equipped armies, but even in the Spanish war, it was practically impossible to dominate an adversary by means of a flood of projectiles. It is clear that the chiefs of the Italian expeditionary corps preferred to keep to the old adage. "The position is conquered by the artillery," but the Italians had not sufficient material to apply this rule, even in Spain. At the beginning, it happened that the chiefs of divisions fixed the rhythm and the length of the firing for the chiefs of the artillery detachments, both being excessively intensified—but the general order of the generalissimo already mentioned, re-established the traditional proportions for the action of the artillery, and

confirmed thus the failure of tactics based on material superiority, reinstating the infantry as fundamental arm of combat.

I do not believe that the Italian strategists ever aspired to pursue an authentically mechanised war in Spain, considering the limited material imposed upon their expeditionary forces. Apart from certain more sensational than effective demonstrations, the only thing they could propose to do was to compensate a possible lack of fighting spirit in their troops by a superabundance of auxiliary arms in order to avoid or at any rate to relay as far as possible the contact between the infantry and the enemy.

### Not Decided By Arms

Owing to very special circumstances, it was possible to experiment with these tactics in Spain. It would be childish to try this method in a normal war, the more so as what could be regarded in Spain as a wastage of material could not be considered as such on a European front.

After two years of war passed in coping with lack of material, with the dispersal of the republican effectives which had to cover enormous stabilised fronts, with the inadequate mobility of the republican troops, a hundred times less than that of the adversary, I am now convinced that, with all his material, his technical superiority, his motorised divisions and his masses of ammunition, the enemy would have failed everywhere as he failed before Madrid, if the same heroic determination and fighting spirit had prevailed on all fronts and at all moments of the war. The enemy only took what he was allowed to take. Thus the Italians took Malaga and Santander, because they encountered no resistance, not even a show of fight and because it was impossible to organize militarily the popular resistance to rebellion and invasion. The Spanish war was not decided by the force of arms. Franco and the Italian generals may believe that this is so. The end of the resistance was due to complicated psychological factors, to acute political problems and, above all, to the fact that the enemy waged a more terrible combat against the civilian population than against the fighting forces. The moment came when resistance was useless. The people and the army of Madrid, whose heroism had astonished the world reached the conclusion that their sacrifice was vain in the international circumstances. Then came the end of the war; Franco and his allies placed the victory to their own credit.

### What Victory?

What victory? It would be very difficult for military technicians and foreign observers to draw any new strategic conclusion. For my part, the sole experience I have gained is as follows: "no accumulation of material however formidable, can ensure the overwhelming conquest of an objective. To proclaim that an army, even pounced an adversary and crush him the most powerful in the world, can at a given moment be merely a futile boast.

Whatever the material superiority of the aggressor it will never

destroy the will of those attacked to resist. And if this will really exists, it may happen that the mere demonstration or military parade which it was proposed to make against a definitely inferior adversary may be transformed into a hand-to-hand fight, with its stabilised fronts, and finally into a war of attrition. What was possible in Spain in the worst circumstances known to history, will, I think, also prove feasible in quite different conditions and places.

My impression is that Czechoslovakia could have been defended. And when I hear people speak of the possibility of an attack on Gibraltar, this seems to me absurd and grotesque. Gibraltar will be more or less effective as a basis for the British naval and air forces; but it can never be directly reduced by arms, whatever they be. Even if the most powerful material in the world, not only that at present existing, but the most overwhelming that can be imagined, were brought into play, a handful of determined men, well supplied and provided with modern defensive material would hold out on the Penon to the end of the longest and the most terrible of wars.

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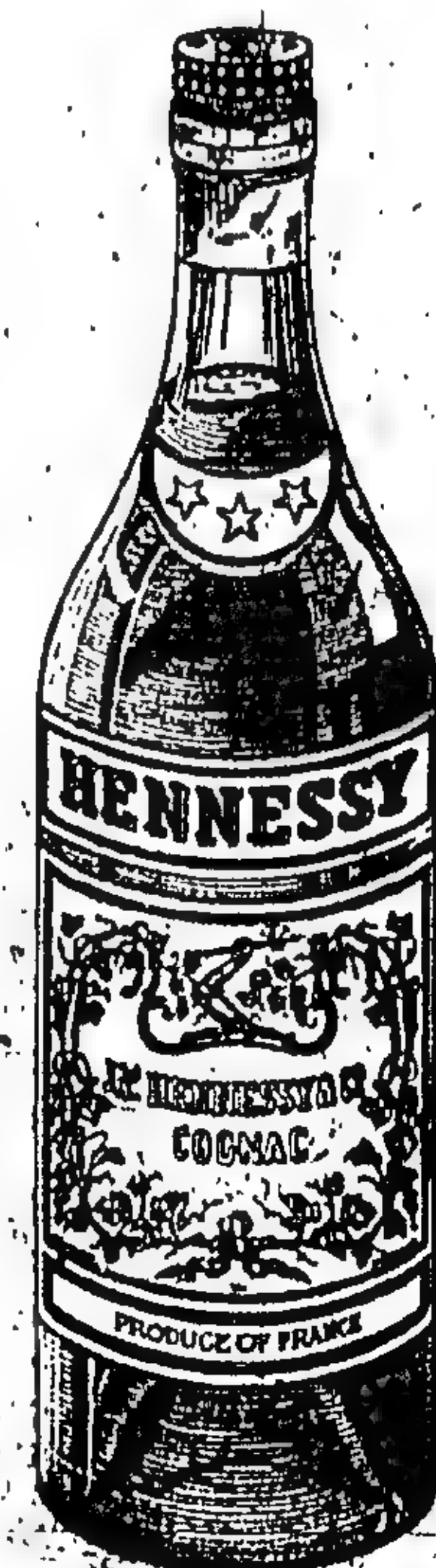


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# THE GOLD MYSTERY

THINGS have come to a pretty pass when that vulgar, plauditean assembly, aptly termed "The Commons," criticises the Bank of England.

Doubtless you read about the shameful lapse: M.P.'s got up one after another, and protested against the proposed transfer to Germany of the £6,000,000 of Czech gold deposited last year with the Bank of England by the Bank of International Settlements.

They asked questions: Couldn't the Government stop the gold from going? Where was it now? Had it gone yet? The Chancellor of the Exchequer didn't know the answers. When Members asked him why he didn't ask the Bank where the gold was, he replied to the following effect:—

"Who, me! Ask the Bank! Co, I shouldn't half cop it; I'm only the Chancellor, and I know my place!"

The situation is adequately summed up by a newspaper before me: "Where is the Czech gold? Mr. Montagu Norman, dictator of the Bank of England, knows, but will not say."

Of course, he won't. This is a free country, for dictators.

Government: So ya won't talk, huh?  
Bank of England: Nope. So what?  
Government: Nothing, sir. Beg your pardon, sir.

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M.P.'s are threatening to pursue this question-asking. "Should Bankers Tell" promises to become a major political issue.

There are dangers in this course. Once our elected representatives start trying to understand something about our financial system, who knows where they may stop?

If they ask questions about where gold goes to, they may then start asking where money comes from. And from that it is a short step to asking why there isn't enough of it, and the nation will lose its innocence.

I think we should pause before teaching our people the facts of economic life. As Mr. McKenna, the banker, once said to his shareholders: "I am afraid the ordinary citizen will not like to be told that banks can, and do, create and destroy money."

Well, then, why need they know? Why tell them things like that? Is there anything so touching, so sweetly pure, as an ordinary citizen's ignorance of the origins of money? Then, why hasten the rude awakening? 'Twill come all too soon, when he realises that whichever way he votes at elections makes no odds because the banks boss the show. What I say is—Let youthful innocence enjoy its little day of sunny bliss.

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THE Treasury are to take legal advice as to whether they have power to interfere with the release of gold to Germany. I read that under the charter of the Bank of International Settlements the bank's clients can store gold with impunity, even in an enemy country.

So if Britain were at war with Germany we might have the interesting spectacle of Monty Norman sending gold out of his vaults.

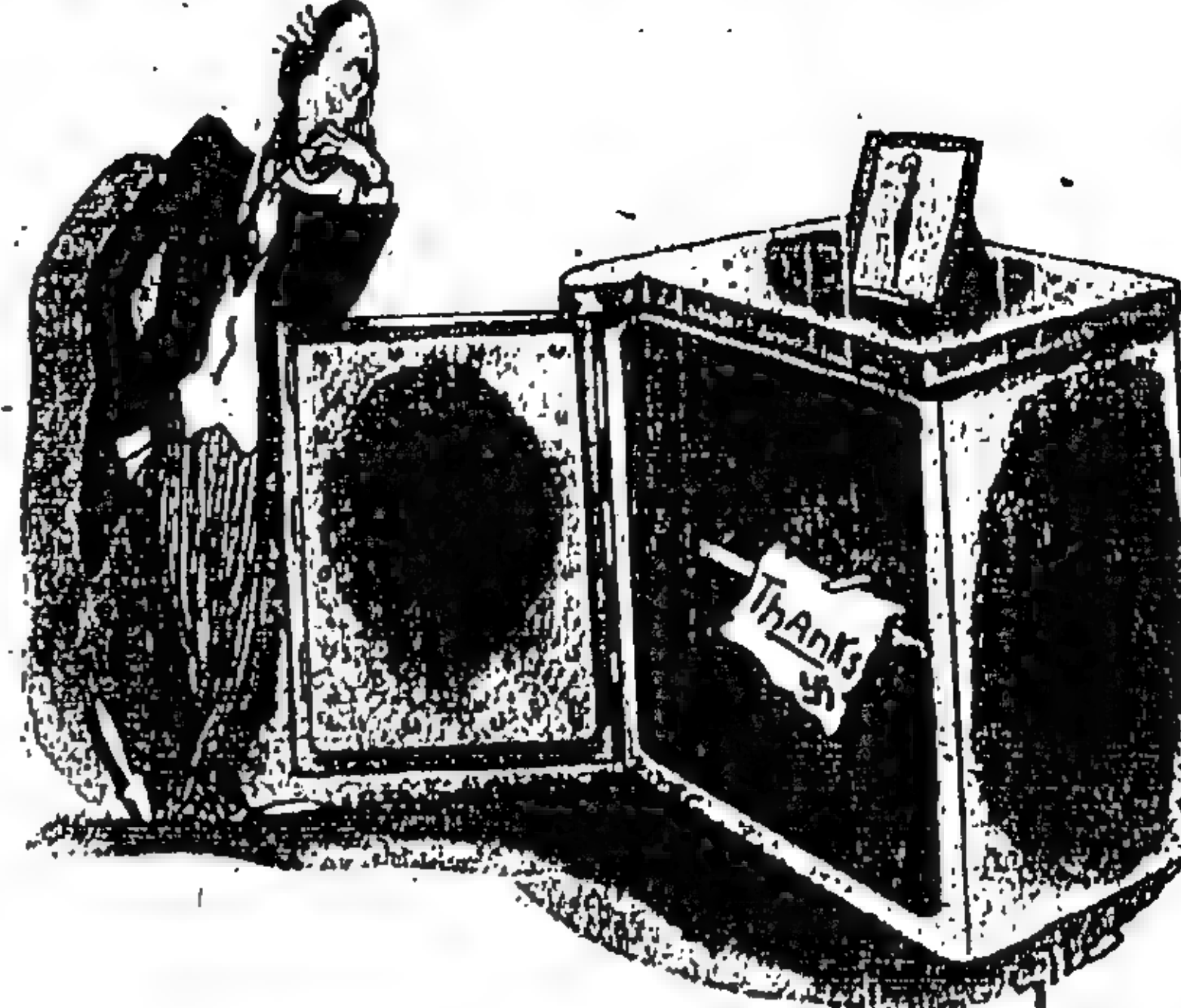
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THERE is, however, another interpretation of the Treasury's refusal to question the Bank about the missing gold.

You may recall that a year after the above scene of praise, when the slump was at its worst, Mr. Montagu Norman, who had been hailed as the archangel of this omniscient hierarchy, laid the following egg of economic wisdom in the public speech:—

"The economic problem is too much for me. The difficulties are so vast, so novel, precedents so lacking, that I approach the whole subject in ignorance and humility. When it comes to the future I hope we may all see the light at the end of the tunnel which some are already able to point out to us."

It is therefore possible that the great man is still as completely befogged about his job as he was then. And it may be that the kindly Government refrains, in tender solicitude, from asking him where the gold is because they know he doesn't know himself.



They say that a syndicate of dishonest dentists has been systematically bribing the caretaker to bring them lumps of gold of all teeth with, and that every time he did this he stuck on a lump of lead and painted it over.

This did not of course, make the slightest difference to the transactions, as finance is entirely a

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matter of faith. But if the truth got about it would seriously undermine the Confidence of the City, so they kept it dark.

It is interesting to reflect that some of the very M.P.'s who asked questions about the Czech gold may have had bits of it in their mouths all the time without knowing it.

It's all very strange. We have a lot to learn about Sound Finance.

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# The New Lawrence Of Arabia

STANDING alone in the burning waste of sand, the Englishman watched the armed Bedouins advance towards him. They looked dark, vicious, ready for anything. The fierce rays of sunlight struck fire from a jewelled head-dress. Somewhere behind them lay Amman, the Englishman's headquarters, but for the moment he thought of other things.

Within a few minutes they had surrounded him. Then they demanded all his possessions and money. He looked at them with barely concealed scorn. He told them, in Arabic, that they were playing a very dangerous game, particularly with a man dealing in public security.

Then one of them thrust a rifle in his chest and threatened to shoot him on the spot. The six-foot, blue-eyed Englishman laughed quietly, almost scornfully. The rifle was jabbed more viciously.

The finger crooked around the trigger. Easily standing his ground, the Englishman fired off a few Arabic witticisms.

## GREAT FEAR

His cool courage, his absolute indifference to death, dumbfounded the Bedouins. They had never met a man like this before. And suddenly a great fear rose in their minds. They consulted hurriedly amongst themselves. Then one of them turned to the captive and asked: "You are not Peake Pasha?"

The Englishman looked at them steadily. Yes, he was Peake Pasha. An absolute silence of horses and men followed. A faint breeze stirred the sand around their feet. Then, with barely a word, the Bedouins slowly withdrew and rode away.

Lt. Col. Frederick Gerard Peake reached Amman quite safely that night. He had added another vic-

vid page to the strange legend Transjordan has woven around his personality.

He had fulfilled the tradition of almost super-human courage which the Arabs had come to associate with him. These men of blood and iron, accustomed to the nomads' life, had known the greatness of Lawrence, felt the impress of his personality, and now, in this man Peake, they saw something of the same qualities persisting. He had become known amongst them as the new "Lawrence of Arabia." They respected him, and listened to his lightest word.

## VERY STUFF OF ROMANCE

Peake Pasha has just returned to England. For some years now he has been commander of the

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Arab Legion and Director of Public Security to the Emir Abdullah, Ruler of Transjordan.

His marriage to his Scottish wife was made of the very stuff of romance. When Miss Maclean Ritchie first ventured into the wilds of the Transjordan, she went with the object of visiting her sister. Then, one day, near the desert town of Amman, she met for the first time the tall, blue-eyed Englishman who dropped his final Gs. At first sight he might have been just another English colonel. Then Miss Ritchie looked again.

Some odd affinity touched them in that moment. There, in the heart of the desert, where life was wild and fierce, they caught at something detached from sand, time and space.

Back in England it found consummation. They had met amid burning sand and sunshine. They were married in the dim coolness of Christchurch, Marylebone.

## JOINED LAWRENCE

Lt. Col. Peake was serving with the Egyptian Army when war broke out, and he joined Lawrence in the Hedjaz section of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force. His skill and daring soon attracted attention. After the war he organized the Arab Legion, Kurds, Circassians, Turks and Arabs, all had convinced her that he was became his legionaries under the control of a few British Officers. Remembering the twenty-five thousand square miles of desert sector of the pipe-line.

They had to patrol, his small police force looked ridiculously inadequate, but within a very short time he had brought law and order where before there were feuds and disruption.

Perhaps it was not so much the markable garden. It was once a police force which achieved this church of the Byzantine type,

end, Peake's own personality was largely responsible. He spoke Arabic fluently, knew the Arab habits and customs intimately, and would walk unarmed amongst the most dangerous Bedouin tribes.

He followed the path which Lawrence had marked before him. Followed it faithfully and to such good purpose that negotiations, once considered impossible between the English and the Arabs, were now accomplished with rapidity and ease. They would listen to Peake as they had listened to Lawrence. They trusted him—if precious little else.

## AN EPIC STORY

To-day the Arab Legion numbers some fourteen hundred men. Four hundred are horsemen, and 150 use camels. They also have an armoured-car section. Peake Pasha has become a hero amongst them. They would willingly risk their lives to obey his commands.

Around Amman they still tell you one epic story of Lt. Col. Peake. There was trouble along the Iraq oil pipe-line. Certain anti-British rebels had made systematic attacks upon the pipe by night, broken it at one point, and caused considerable loss.

Peake Pasha took part of his Arab Legion and went out to hunt them down. Tracking tribesmen in the heart of the desert is an exacting business—particularly when your quarry knows every trick of sun, wind and sky, and has spent his life reading signs in the sand.

One evening, they came upon an Arab encampment settling for the night. They were welcomed and given every hospitality, but behind the Arab's outward show of friendliness they suspected something else. Then Peake Pasha was introduced to the beautiful Bedouin wife of the leader. They talked for some little while and gradually a change came over the girl. The rebellious look in her eyes gave place to admiration. A new and soft respect crept into her voice.

The following day the Bedouin girl went out to her husband. He was hiding at a smaller Arab outpost because he himself had broken the pipe line. What price the Hedjaz section of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force. His knows, but she told him that to skill and daring soon attracted attention. After the war he organized the Arab Legion, Kurds, Circassians, Turks and Arabs, all had convinced her that he was became his legionaries under the control of a few British Officers. Remembering the twenty-five thousand square miles of desert sector of the pipe-line.

## FIRMLY HUMOROUS

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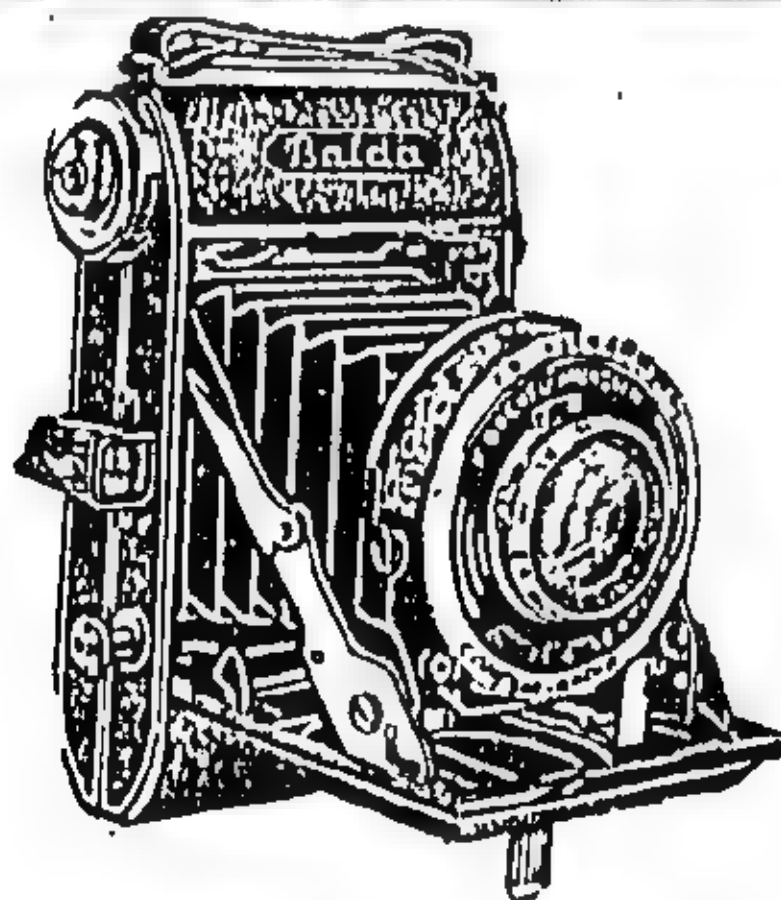
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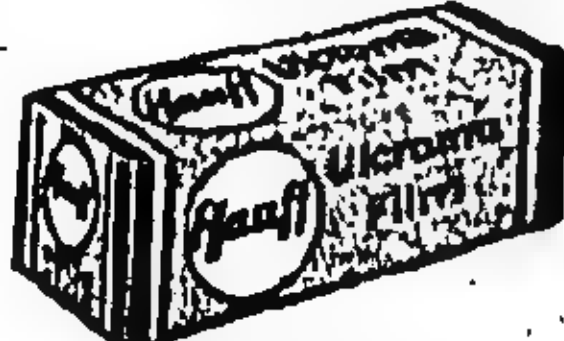
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## Girls--Do Your Job!

LAST year I was actually in England for four consecutive months, so I had time to look round and see what is happening. I was able to compare the England of to-day with the country I grew up in towards the end of the last war—and the young Englishwomen of to-day with those I used to know. The result is not very encouraging.

Here is what struck me first. Last September, the ambulance corps I joined wanted 6,000 volunteers. They got 800.

One of my jobs was to test women drivers. They were pretty good. I do not know that I would have enjoyed being a casualty on a moonless night behind some of them. Still, they could drive. But the majority had no idea of changing even a plug or a tyre. An engine meant less to them than the pattern of a knitted jumper.

That was not their fault—last September. But I have met lots of them since. About a dozen have taken courses in night-driving—with dark spectacles, because there will not be any lights in wartime. Three out of several hundreds have gone into garages and learned something about the inside of a car. The others "hadn't time."

That's just it. Few of our girls have time after a day's work in doing for anything but amusement.

Pleasure  
A Rarity

For twenty years of my grown-up life I have been travelling all over the world, and I have seen what the people of other countries are doing. France, Germany, Italy, Russia—do you suppose they have half or a quarter as much pleasure as ours?

A dance, a cinema, an outing of any sort, is a rarity for them. They are busy learning something after their regular eight-hour job is done—housework, farmwork, hygiene, physical exercises, voluntary labour or defence services. There is no end to the self-education of youth under Soviet and Fascist systems.

One thing I noticed at once in the big London stores—how tired lots of the girls look under their make-up. I asked why. They had all been out late the night before. They had not had enough sleep.

Well, a party's fine, and it's good for you, too, but there are a lot more important things to do at the moment.

Now, before I go on telling you what I think about this new England and its girls, I would like to get one thing straight.

At the present moment I live in a big house which I do not want and which I would love to get rid of if anyone would come forward to buy it. By dint of exceedingly hard work I am able to earn enough money to pay the weekly bills. But since the age of twenty, when I started round the world with a capital of exactly £40, I have earned every penny I have spent. It has not been easy. It never is easy to earn a living. It sounds very romantic to fly across oceans and tramp across deserts, but it is damned hard work.

Going Fast  
On Wheels

Some of you, whose idea of amusement is to go fast on wheels—would you really like to walk twenty to twenty-five miles a day, under a blazing sun, with nothing to eat or drink between sunrise and sunset? Don't you dare imagine the sort of travelling that maps the world and gets foolishly written about in sensation papers under such headings as "Girl Explorer Seeks Romance" or "Is anything like as soft as work behind a motor or even at an office desk?"

Don't imagine either that it is which will be play-acting and all success! You do not hear of the failures and illnesses, the disappointments and the struggles.

For every time I have succeeded in doing the job I have set out of an unknown world. They were tried put together.

to do I have made a mess of at least three or four others!

Often it has been my own fault. I have shirked some of the necessary organisation. I have been too lazy to learn yet another language. Sometimes I have been so physically tired or ill, so dirty and hungry and footsore, that I have not been able to force myself to conquer recurring difficulties and dangers.

Do not think, therefore, that I am just criticising from the easy, safe position of one of the idle rich. It is not so. Honestly, I cannot remember having had a holiday for fifteen years, and there is no foolish mistake I have not made myself. I have never been rich, but I have never given up a job or failed to take on any that was offered, however impossible it seemed.

Put Up A  
Decent Show

That is why the attitude of so many of our young people sadens and sickens me.

I know perfectly well there are lots of people in Britain who

By Rosita  
Forbes

honestly have not time or health for more than their daily wage-earning job, but they are in the minority, and they do not include the unemployed. Where money is scarce there is still unlimited voluntary service open to you. Why aren't you all better prepared to defend what you have got?

Again and again this winter I have said to young people who have talked nonsense about "letting down". Czechoslovakia, a place, by the way, they had never heard of before and cannot find on a map:

"What were you yourself going to do in case of war?"

Some of the replies were "I wasn't going to make munitions—it would be too dangerous." "Well, I don't know that I was going to do anything except get out of London." "Seems to me it's up to the Army to do the fighting." "I was going to Wales—it'd be pretty safe there." "I don't know as how I'd rightly thought."

Isn't it time you did think? It does not matter a scrap if you never go to another cinema or another dance. It does not really matter if you—or it—get the extra pay that is going to give us a bit more amusement, or the chance of going one better than our neighbours, but it does matter that British men and women should put up a decent show in the face of a world that is rapidly beginning to laugh at us.

Pleasure And  
Boy Friends

The young women of to-day seem to want everything—security, defence, opportunity, job, pleasure, boy friends, and a faster weekly pay envelope—served up on a tray without making any effort of their own. They do not want to learn how to look after themselves. They did just bother to sit on gas-masks, but what else did they do, and what are they doing now to help the country and to ensure their own safety?

Twenty years ago, after a war that we—very young people then—thought was the last word in horror, agony, and foulness, but which will be play-acting and all success! You do not hear of the failures and illnesses, the disappointments and the struggles.

Young people were not afraid to go far away, to the other end of the world, and then in all other European countries they were tried put together.

not so set on having a good time. They were not afraid of work or hardship, and they were determined to keep Britain where, after four years of blood, they had put her.

Some of them are dead now, or the spirit in them is dead. Yet it is, I notice, the middle-aged people who are working hardest for A.R.P., at hospital and voluntary aid courses, in ambulance and defence services.

Ignorant  
And Stupid

The forty-year-olds have distinguished themselves. I read one volunteer form signed by a wage-earning woman who will be forty-nine next month. She offered herself as an interpreter, speaking fluently five foreign languages, as a pilot with the necessary A certificate, as a diploma-ed cook, a masseuse with the required recommendations, or an ambulance driver and mechanic with a thirty years' unblemished licence. Which of you can do half or a quarter as much?

I think British girls are lovely. They know more about film stars and how to keep boy friends than the earnest or sentimental young folk of Russia and Germany. Sometimes they are exceedingly good at their jobs; but, my God, with regard to life, as it is going to be lived—or lost—within the next few years, they are ignorant and stupid.

"I do think we shouldn't give in to Hitler. I do think we should call his bluff," said one pretty imbecile, who, owing to buses, Tubes, and pillow seats on motor-bikes, had almost lost the use of her legs except for dancing, and the unemployed, where money is scarce there is still unlimited voluntary service open to you. Why aren't you all better prepared to defend what you have got?

Why Not  
You?

"Standing up to Hitler means fighting," I retorted. "How are you preparing for that? How are you going to help in this tremendous matter of 'calling the bluff of a nation,' where every man, woman, and child is prepared for self-sacrifice on behalf of the State?"

She looked at me with round eyes. "Oh—I hadn't thought of it like that, but somebody ought to do something."

Why "Somebody"? Why not you?

Young, healthy people who enjoy now, and have enjoyed since they were children, the comparative security and the increasing pleasures open to every class of British worker, make me sick when they talk as if they had no concern with the country which gives them so much.

For Heaven's sake, before it is too late, stop dreaming in terms of political nonsense. It does not matter two hoots whether you are Conservative or Socialist, red, pink, or any other colour! You are British, aren't you?

You have a better time—yes, even when you're unemployed—than your fellow in any other country. And all you can do now, with the very existence of your own land at stake—is to talk rot, to argue about which political party will give you most, instead of combining all of you, to put Britain on her feet again. You might at least remember you can only have your amusements, your paid jobs, your freedom of speech and action, so long as you keep Britain alive.

No Guts  
Left

In the last four months of 1938 I heard more talk than in four years abroad. I saw more luxuries, more pleasure advertisements.

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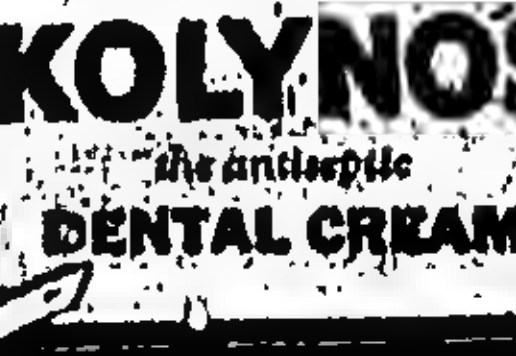
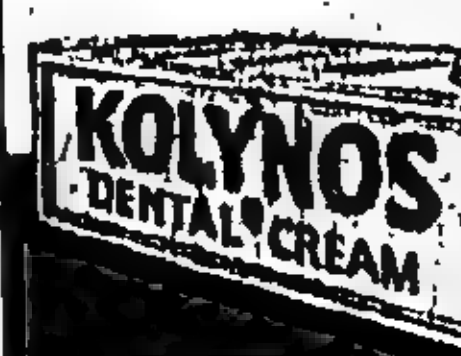
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**TRANSFER OF  
CZECH GOLD  
EXPLAINED**

London, Yesterday.  
 An interview with Dr. Beyen,  
 President of the Bank for Interna-  
 tional Settlements at Basle, on the  
 transfer of Czech gold to the Reich  
 is published in the "Agence  
 Economique et Financiere."

According to the Basle corre-  
 spondent of the paper, Dr. Beyen  
 said that the question was a purely  
 technical one for the B.I.S. No  
 pressure was exerted on it from  
 any quarter whatsoever.

The B.I.S., he said, had only to  
 examine whether the order given  
 was valid. Neither the British  
 Government nor the Bank of Eng-  
 land could prevent it from deal-  
 ing with the gold deposited in  
 London.

"Dr. Beyen remarked that it was  
 not naturally the business of the  
 B.I.S. to determine whether pres-  
 sure had been exerted by Germany  
 on the National Bank of Czechos-  
 lovakia, and in any case it had  
 not the means of doing," the  
 paper adds.—Our Own Correspondent.

**PARIS BOURSE  
REACTS TO  
TIENTSIN**

PARIS, YESTERDAY.  
 THE STRONG IMPRESSION  
 MADE BY EVENTS IN THE  
 FAR EAST ON THE FRENCH  
 PUBLIC IS PARTICULARLY  
 REFLECTED BY MOVE-  
 MENTS ON THE STOCK EX-  
 CHANGE.

Chinese loans dealt in on the  
 Paris Stock Exchange dropped  
 considerably from Thursday to  
 Friday. One loan lost 30 points.  
 The securities concerned are  
 seven China loans subscribed  
 partly in France and partly in  
 England; most of them are pre-  
 war loans.

Although these loans have con-  
 tinuously declined since the out-  
 break of the Sino-Japanese war,  
 the present drop, according to  
 financial circles here, is due to  
 the impression that "it is no  
 longer a simple rivalry between  
 Asiatic nations but, the question  
 of the presence of Occidental  
 powers in the Far East has been  
 raised." — Trans-Ocean.

**OIL FOUND IN  
LANCASHIRE**

London, Yesterday.  
 The discovery of oil satisfac-  
 tory in yield and quality is re-  
 ported as the result of a second  
 bore that has been drilled near  
 Formby, Lancashire.—Our Own  
 Correspondent.

**Channel  
Tunnel  
Invite**

LONDON, YESTERDAY.  
 THE FRENCH GOVERN-  
 MENT CONSIDER THE CON-  
 STRUCTION OF A CHANNEL  
 TUNNEL, OF SUCH MILI-  
 TARY, STRATEGICAL AND  
 COMMERCIAL IMPORTANCE,  
 THAT THEY WILL SHORTLY  
 INVITE THE BRITISH GOV-  
 ERNMENT TO RE-OPEN DIS-  
 CUSSION ON THE PROJECT.

New plans being drawn up for  
 the tunnel are the most elaborate  
 ever put forward.

The decision of the French Gov-  
 ernment was taken after a favour-  
 able vote in the Chamber and a  
 supporting motion by the For-  
 eign Affairs Commission.

Here are some of the figures  
 given by Andre Basdevant, the  
 famous French engineer:—

Estimated cost, £42,000,000, for  
 a road tunnel only, length, 30  
 miles; width of roadway, 22 feet;  
 height from road level to roof, 18  
 feet; deepest point, 350 feet be-  
 low the bed of the sea.

It is claimed that an average  
 of 1,000 vehicles an hour could  
 pass through the tunnel.

Backers of the scheme have as-  
 sured themselves that there will  
 be no difficulty in raising the  
 money necessary to finance the  
 project.

Experts estimate that the tun-  
 nel would produce an income of  
 £2,000,000 from passenger and  
 freight traffic.

Present plans are for the tun-  
 nel to start at the Marquise, pass  
 under Cape Gris Nez and come out  
 near Folkestone.

**AMERICAN-BORN  
CHINESE GIRL'S  
TRAFFIC OFFENCE**

An American-born Chinese girl,  
 Pun No-wah, aged 22, of Laichikok  
 Road, was yesterday fined \$8 by  
 Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at  
 Kowloon when charged with driv-  
 ing a private car, No. 291, in  
 Tai Po Road without a driving  
 licence.

She was stopped and asked for  
 the licence, which she failed to  
 produce, in Tai Po Road by Traf-  
 fic-Sergeant Clark, who was on  
 motor patrol duty.

In connection with the case,  
 Chan Koong, 22, a furniture dealer,  
 the owner of the car, was also  
 fined \$5 for allowing an unlicensed  
 driver to drive his car.

**BODY FOUND  
BESIDE RAILWAY**

The body of a Chinese woman,  
 age or identity unknown, was  
 found by a railway worker beside  
 the railway line between Nos. 2  
 and 3 bridges early morning yes-  
 terday. The find was reported to  
 the police and the body removed to  
 the Public Mortuary.

The police, it is understood, do  
 not suspect foul play, but believe  
 the woman fell from a pathway at  
 the top of a hill around the foot  
 of which the railway passes.

**BARRACKS "BOY"  
SENTENCED**

A fine of \$150 or two months'  
 hard labour was imposed by Mr.  
 E. Hinesworth at Kowloon yes-  
 terday of Kwok Ying, 27, bar boy  
 employed by Whitfield Barracks,  
 who was found guilty of embezzle-  
 ment.

Kwok was said to have fraudu-  
 lently embezzled a sum of \$165  
 between May 22 and May 28.

**"Bottleneck" Risks  
In Output  
Have Been Lessened**

London, Yesterday.  
 It is understood, says the "Financial Times," that  
 although British steel output is on the point  
 of reaching the highest level for all time,  
 there is a reserve capacity in hand equiva-  
 lent to 750,000 tons a year.

Production, which has risen on a working day  
 basis by one-third in the last five months, is  
 now running at an annual rate of over  
 13,250,000 tons, equivalent to 90 per cent. of  
 capacity.

It is likely very soon to pass  
 the peak of activity reached in  
 November, 1937, when the rate of  
 operations was 13½ million tons  
 —95 per cent. of the capacity then  
 available.

A daily rate equivalent to 14  
 million tons annually is in sight.  
 Special significance therefore  
 attaches to a recent survey de-  
 signed to ascertain by how much  
 further output can be augmented.

BETTER ORGANISED  
 Results of this inquiry show  
 that the industry is now much  
 better organised to make full use  
 of its extended capacity than in  
 1937.

Centralised purchases of  
 materials, improvements of works  
 and the concentration of produc-  
 tion in integrated plants, have  
 lessened the risks of "bottleneck"  
 in production.—Our Own Corres-  
 pondent.

**PLAN TO  
DISSOLVE  
CZECH BANK**

LONDON, YESTERDAY.  
 FINANCIAL AND BANKING  
 CIRCLES IN PRAGUE, SAYS A  
 DESPATCH FROM THE CZECH  
 CAPITAL, FEAR THAT THE  
 GERMAN GOVERNMENT MAY  
 DECIDE TO MERGE THE  
 CZECH NATIONAL BANK  
 WITH THE REICHSBANK.

Previous Czech Governments  
 had extended large credits to in-  
 dustrial concerns for the purpose  
 of enlarging the country's military  
 potentialities.

Acquisition of the power to  
 withdraw the credits would enable  
 the Germans to put Czech busi-  
 nesses in the position of either  
 selling the majority of their shares  
 to Nazis or being forced into  
 liquidation.—Our Own Correspon-  
 dent.

**LOCAL SHARES**

Following is the list of changes and  
 enquiries in local share quotations  
 yesterday morning:—

**BANKS**  
 Hong Kong Bank \$1320 b., \$1350

**INSURANCES**  
 Canton Ins. \$230 a.

Union Ins. \$400 a.

**DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS,**  
**ETC.**  
 Providents \$4.70 a.

**MINING**  
 Venz Goldfield \$8.05 b.

Antamoks Pa. 21 a.

Atoko Pa. 27½ a.

Baguio Gold Pa. 23 a.

Benguet Consul Pa. 11.00 a.

Coco Grove Pa. 31 a.

I. K. L. Pa. 51 a.

Itogons Pa. 22 a.

North Camarines Pa. 27 a.

San Marcelino Pa. 34 a.

Suyoc Consul Pa. 10 a.

United Paracuties Pa. 41 a.

**LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.**  
 H. K. Lands \$30½ a.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES**  
 H. K. Tramways \$10½ b., \$10.30

**Star Ferries \$66/60½ a.**  
 China Lights (Old) \$3½ a.

Telephones (Old) \$24 a.

**INDUSTRIALS**  
 Canton Ice \$11 b.

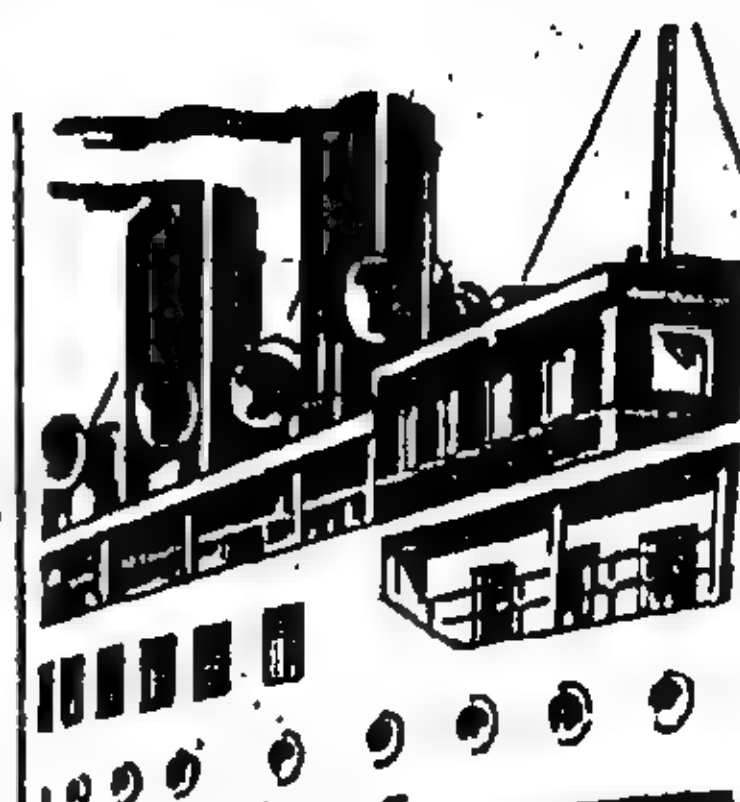
**STORES, &C.**  
 Dairy Farms (Old) \$22 a.

Dairy Farms (New) \$21 a.

**MISCELLANEOUS**  
 H.K. Govt. 4½ Loan 4½ pm. b.

**DEARER MONEY**

London, Yesterday.  
 Total amount applied for in  
 tenders for £50,000,000 Treasury  
 Bills was £70,128,000. Average  
 rate per cent. for Bills at three  
 months was 16/7.814 against  
 14/5.214 a week ago.—British  
 Wirepress.

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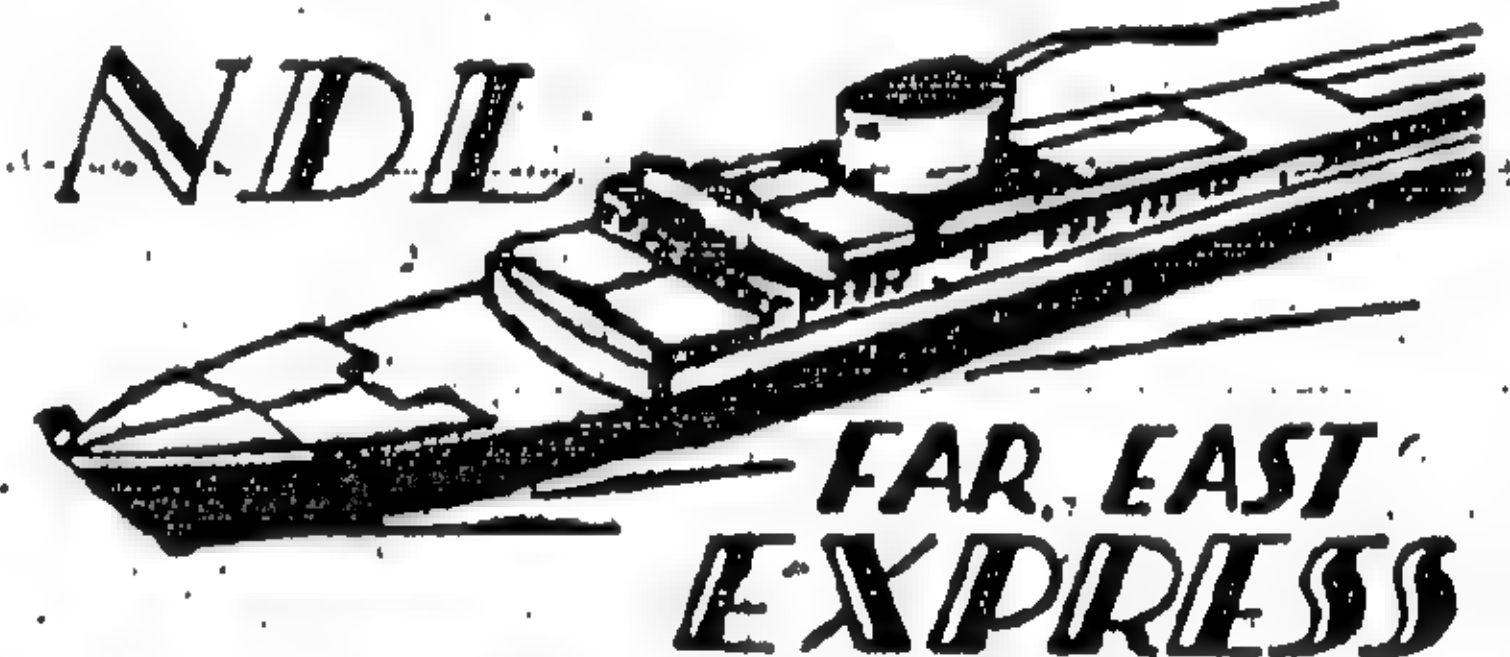
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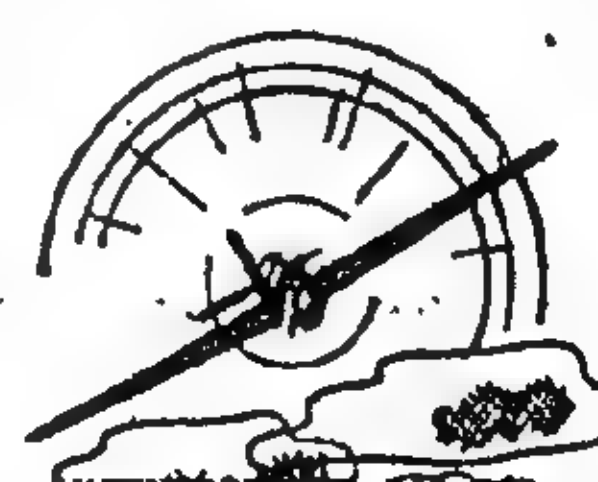
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	Oasis	Canton, Amoy, Rotterdam, Bot- terdam, Bremen, Hamburg	July 17
STRAITS & CEYLON	Necher	Singapore, Belawan, Colombo	July 4
	Oasis	Singapore, Penang, Belawan, Colombo	July 17
MANILA	Oasis	Manila	July 17
SHANGHAI, WORTH CHINA & JAPAN	Oasis	Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe	July 13
SHANGHAI & JAPAN	Oder	Shanghai, Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama	June 25
	Narburg	Shanghai, Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama	July 5
BOUYS SEA ISLANDS	Federer	Madag., Batavia, Tula, Babel	June 25

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# BIG TASK FOR OPEN PAIRS HOLDERS

## Eccleshall And Grimmitt Are Favoured To Win

### BIG MATCH AT FOOTBALL CLUB NEXT WEDNESDAY

(By "SKIP")

THE First Round Proper of the Open Pairs competition is due to be played this week, no fewer than nineteen games being scheduled for to-morrow and the remainder of the 32 matches on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

### Duncan & Holland Face Stiff Hurdle At K.F.C.

First out of the hat are Ruzack and Landolt of Craigengower and Hobbs and Meadows of K.C.C., and much as I would like to encourage the mainlanders, I cannot help thinking that the Valley pair will have rather a walkover. They have much more experience than their opponents, and experience more often than not counts.

Two other games are down for decision on the same green, and it is singularly unfortunate that in each case Craigengower players are involved. In the one match Coates and Bradbury are up against Locke and Way, both pairs having drawn a bye in the preliminary round. The first pair should win without much trouble, in spite of Bill Way's consistent form year in and year out. U. M. Omar and his brother (K.M.) should have an interesting game against Joe Leonard and Willie Ward, but the odds are definitely on the former pair.

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#### Mainland Games

Now over to the Mainland, starting at Kowloon Football Club, where two Wallies, Glendinning and Mair, of P.R.C. meet a K.C.C. pair in Hammond and his brother (K.M.) should have an interesting game against Joe Leonard and Willie Ward, but the odds are definitely on the former pair.

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Now up to Kowloon Bowling Green Club, where some fine matches are down for decision. First on the list is that between Jackie Noronha and Carlos Silva—a very strong combination—and Bill Howard and Harry Gittins of Kowloon Tong. The Portuguese couple may count on having it in the bag so to speak.

The game between Joe Gibson and Field and Frank Goodwin and Simmonds (a Hong pair), however, should prove to be closer, with the latter slightly in the ascendency. Jackie Noronha, former Shanghai champion, and his partner B. Basto had a big win in the preliminary round, their opponents on that occasion being Stephens and Spary of Kowloon Tong, but they find that they are up against a much stronger pair in Calman and Brown of Kowloon Dock in their game to-morrow. Much will depend on the leads I think—the left-handed Portuguese player is always steady and can rise to great heights and should beat his opponent, but of the skips Johnny Brown is not only the better exponent but has a better temperament for match play. I think the Dock pair will win by a very small margin.

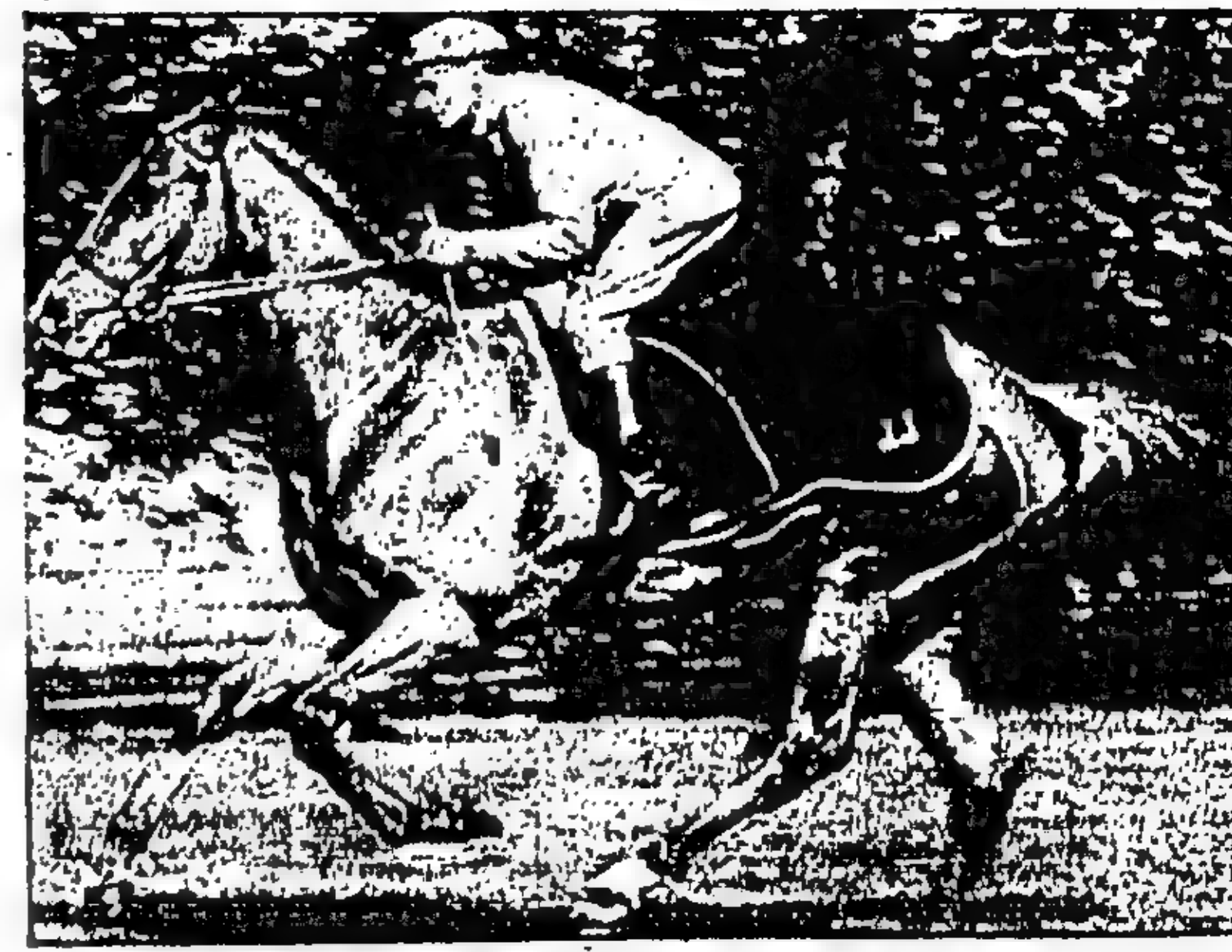
At Kowloon C.C. At Kowloon Cricket Club, also to-morrow, Joe Luz and Joe Xavier, both essentially drawing men, are opposed to Kirman and Burling of Civil Service. The latter had a huge win in the last round (the score was 46/6) but they will find that the position this time is of a totally different calibre, and I think they will be fortunate if they are not more than a dozen shots down at the finish.

Another Portuguese pair in Johnny Ribeiro and Leo Silva play on this same green and, although I expect Chittenden and Petherick to put up a stern fight, I imagine that the King's Park players will carry the day.

At Recreio Over at Club do Recreio R. P. Phillips, the worthy M.K.L.B.A. Honorary Secretary, and Ted Thompson are due to meet Hubert Overy and Jimmy Best of K.C.C., but I understand that the former will be unable to play and a substitute will have to be found. I will not attempt a forecast this time.

Edie and Jack Watson of K.B.G.C. are meeting W. Mulcahy and Tommy Carr of the neighbouring club and the result may go either way, although the K.C.C. pair should win on form.

Two K.B.G.C. pairs in Nish and Robson and Bussy Bower and Sam Randie meet on this same green, and there should be lots of fun for the onlookers with not a little repartee. With unique dispatch I am going to forecast a tie, with the latter pair



Lord Rosebery's Blue Peter, Derby favourite and easy winner, is seen here galloping during exercise at Mr. J. L. Jarvis' stables at Newmarket. (Copyright, Fox.)

## HAMMOND ON TOP

Leading averages at June 4 were:

BATTING				
(Qualification: Seven innings)				
	Inns.	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score
W. R. Hammond	12	2	927	302
Gimblett	11	2	749	198
Hardstaff	8	2	482	125
Compton	13	1	806	181
Loe (F. S.)	11	2	637	105
Davies (E.)	11	1	584	237
Fishlock	13	1	640	101
Timms	10	2	423	114
Brookes	10	0	524	137
Arnold	9	1	418	179
Mitchell	11	2	452	139
Squires	12	2	500	107

\* Signifies not out

## BOWLING

(Qualification: 16 wickets)

	Inns.	Not Out	Runs	Score	Aver.
Copson	11	2	164	39	0.97
Lewis	9	2	19	305	24
Bowen	12	4	638	40	13.45
Verity	22	1	643	45	14.28
Mitchell	10	2	244	10	16.25
Goddard	28	7	495	63	15.63
Todd	15	4	204	31	16.25
Gover	18	1	1040	39	16.41
Robinson	12	3	23	473	27
Smith (R.)	10	4	10	378	21
Smith (J.)	20	4	41	503	28
Marlin	14	5	28	478	28
Nichols	16	2	21	608	31
F. R. Brown	7	9	10	300	19
Watt (Kent)	14	20	490	24	10.16
Sims	19	2	23	810	42
Smith (P.)	12	20	411	21	10.57
Perks	16	5	22	651	33

\* Signifies not out

## WEST INDIES AVERAGES

BATTING

	Inns.	Not Out	Runs	Score	Aver.
E. A. V. Wil-	6	2	240	120	62.25
G. Headley	11	3	494	116	61.75
L. N. Constantino	10	1	282	63	31.53
J. B. Stollmeyer	5	0	145	44	29.00
J. E. D. Sealy	11	0	317	67	28.81
J. H. Cameron	11	0	252	106	22.90
H. P. Bayley	7	1	132	104	22.00

\* Signifies not out

## BOWLING

O. M. R. W. Aver.

	Inns.	Not Out	Runs	Score	Aver.
L. N. Constantino	10	6	24	695	30
J. H. Cameron	12	7	23	390	19
J. E. D. Sealy	38	4	105	5	21.60
T. Johnson	80	12	270	10	27.00
C. B. Clarke	129	1	12	851	23.00
L. G. Haydon	83	4	321	11	29.18

## BEST BOWLING FEATS

The following are some of the best bowling feats to date in the first-class cricket season at Home to date:

10 for 99—Goddard (Gloucester v Worcester).
13 for 91—Constantino (W. Indies v Essex).
12 for 99—Bowen (Yorkshire v Warwick).
12 for 161—Merritt (Northants v Cambridge).
12 for 101—Sims (Middlesex v Somerset).
11 for 103—Lewis (Kent v Worcester).
11 for 127—Hollies (Warwick v Derby).
11 for 171—Goddard (Gloucester v Middlesex).
11 for 178—Scott (Gloucester v Yorks).

## BRILLIANT BATTING

After equalling the highest score ever obtained in Glamorgan—his own 302 at Bristol five years ago—a great innings by Walter Hammond came to an end at Newport when he skied a ball over his wicket. He was Hammond's fourth innings of 300 or more, and the highest ever to be made in first-class cricket in South Wales.

Naturally, Hammond completely dominated the day's cricket. Always on a quest for runs, he built up his total by powerful and yet stylish batting, the chief stages being:

50 in 20 minutes
100 in 150 minutes
150 in 270 minutes
200 in 240 minutes
250 in 270 minutes
300 in 340 minutes

His runs were obtained out of 447, and there were periods when he monopolised the scoring: to such an extent that he was Hammond's fourth hour while Emmett was getting three singles. One of his two 50s landed outside the ground, and, in addition, he hit no fewer than thirty-five 4s.

Emmett (63) and Crapp (60 not out) were overshadowed by Hammond, but they played a useful part in splendid stands, 166 being added in two hours and ten minutes for the fourth wicket, and 214 in the same time for the fifth wicket, although, of course, Hammond was the inspiration of both.

Almost immediately after Hammond's dismissal, Gloucester declared. (Continued at foot of preceding col.)



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D. M. Khan, M. Y. Adal, A. K. Minu and A. R. Dallah v. G. Lee, A. Madar, A. W. Ramsey and T. A. Madar (K.F.C. green). S. Strange, F. Strange, C. Strange and H. Strange v. R. P. Phillips, H. G. Bicknell, J. S. Logan and J. G. Meyer (P.R.C. green). J. W. Leonard, K. M. Omar, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury v. J. C. Remedios, C. C. Pereira, O. P. Remedios and E. de Souza (Civil Service green). J. Hoosen, A. Bakar, A. O. Madar and M. R. Abbas v. W. J. Penny, A. A. Razack, A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar (Hong Kong F. C. green). L. Lammer, N. Other, G. Duncan and W. Gill v. L. C. R. Souza, W. Ward, W. K. Way and C. S. Roselet (P.R.C. green). N. Fraser, S. Farlow, J. McWalter and J. S. Riddell v. R. Ellis, F. W. Channing, W. M. Omar, J. C. S. Fender (Hong Kong F. C. green). J. Gibson, C. Downman, V. Chittenden and W. V. Field v. A. M. Calman, M. Ferguson, R. Morrison and J. C. Brown (Kowloon C.C. green). R. Main, H. O. Glen, W. McInnes and J. C. Chalmers v. W. McNeill, C. W. Lam, N. P. Kranja and E. Zimmera (Indian R. C. green). J. M. Forrest, G. S. Alexander, G. Perkins and J. Orem v. J. H. Xavier, G. S. Ladd, T. Locke and J. Pau (Indian R. C. green). M. E. Purvis, W. J. Burling, W. Hillier and M. N. Rakusen v. J. McCutcheon, S. Hodge, A. Jilott and C. Gowland (C. C. C. green). A. S. B.

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12.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"London's River". A programme devised and presented by William MacLurg. Linking Dialogue by Valentine Dunn. Musical Arrangements by Rno Jenkins.  
12.45 p.m.—Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.  
Three Dances from Nell Gwyn (German): (a) Country Dance; (b) Pastoral Dance; (c) Merry-makers' Dance.  
Raindrops—Pizzicati For Strings (T. De La Riviere).  
A Fairy Ballet (White).  
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—Tino Rossi (Tenor) and the Orchestra Raymonde.  
Polonaise Militaire (Chopin); Invitation To The Waltz (Weber).  
Orchestra Raymonde.  
Le Chaland Qui Passe (Badet & Elsie).  
Pasodoble (Addio L'Amore) (Rodor & Scotti).  
Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orch.  
Love Is My Life—Waltz (Strauss); Romantique—Waltz (Lanner).  
Orchestra Raymonde.  
Pavane Vile D'Amour (Gardoni-Chavoit); Il Existe Une Blonde (Gardoni-Chavoit). Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra.  
Orient Express (Moir). Orchestra Raymonde.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.40 p.m.—Compositions of Beethoven.  
2.30 p.m.—Close down.  
7 p.m.—An hour of Mendelssohn including his Violin Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64.  
"Ruy Blas"—Overture... Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.  
I'm A Roamer... Robert Radford (Bass) with Orchestra.  
Hunting Song: Song Without Words—F. Major... Benno Moisevitich (Piano).  
On Wings of Song... Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Orchestra (Song in German).  
Three Folk Songs, Op. 41, No. 2, 3, 4... Chorus of Berlin State Opera (Sung in German).  
Overture "Fingal's Cave" Op. 26... The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult.  
Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64... Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and the State Opera Orchestra cond. by Dr. Leo Biech.  
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—Breton—En La Alhambra, Serenata. Madrid Symphony Orchestra cond. by Enrique F. Arbos.  
8.10 p.m.—Studio—Luba Shaftain (Piano) in a Spanish Programme.  
1. Castella (Albeniz).  
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3. Two Spanish Dances (Granados).  
4. Orgia (Turina).  
5. Valse Diabolique (Casella).  
6. Orientale (Albeniz).  
7. Spanish Serenade (Albeniz).  
8.40 p.m.—A Bouquet of Spanish Songs. Sevillian Serenaders with Orchestra.  
8.45 p.m.—Two Compositions of Sibelius.  
Symphonic Poem "Night-Ride And Sunrise", Op. 55... The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult.  
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Orchestra.  
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News and Newsletter.  
9.35 p.m.—London Relay—Sports Talk.  
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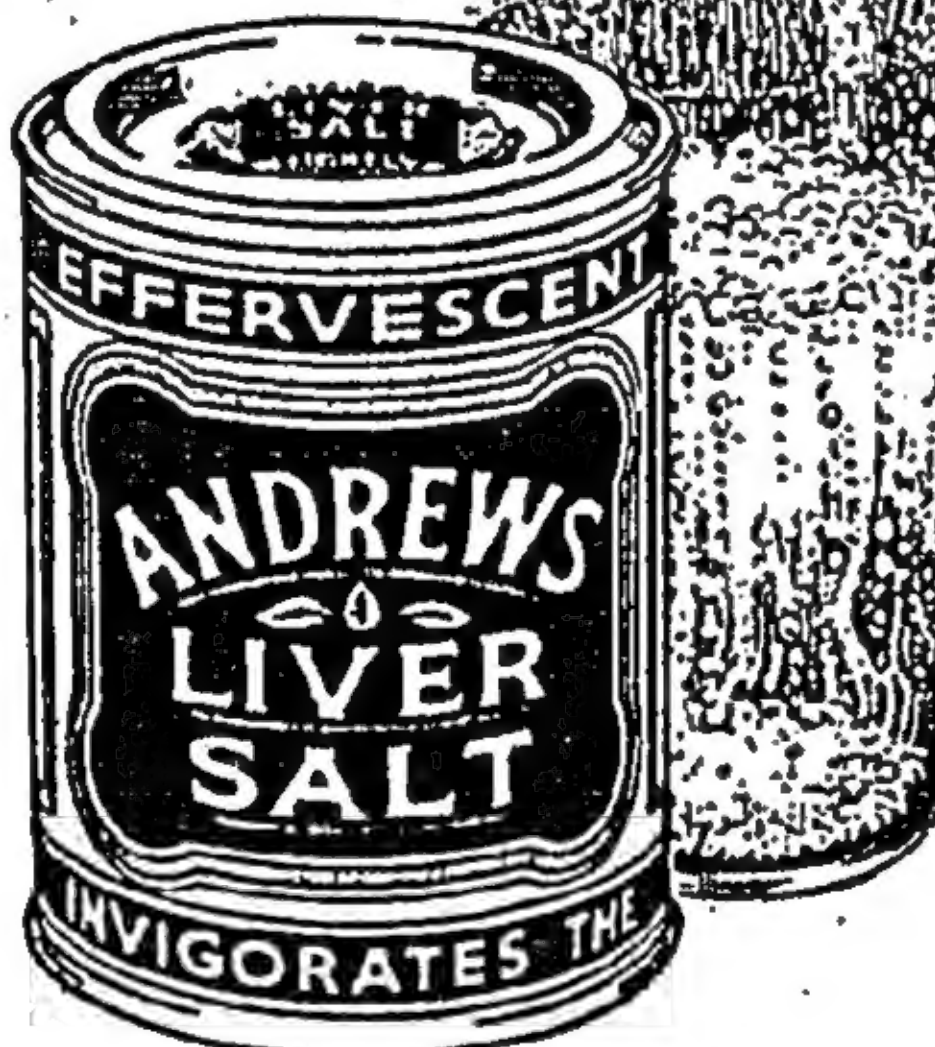
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## MURDER at CHRISTMAS — POIROT SERIAL

# 'All of you shouting at once . . . confuse me!'

by  
**AGATHA CHRISTIE**

ON Christmas Eve Colonel Johnson, Chief Constable of Middlesex, went in response to a telephone call from Superintendent Sugden to investigate the murder of old Simeon Lee, diamond merchant millionaire.

Johnson took with him his guest, Hercule Poirot.

The victim's throat had been cut in a room where the door was locked on the inside and the windows were fastened.

No trace of the murderer or his weapon could be found, but a great deal of blood had been spilled about the disordered room.

Simeon Lee, a short time before his death, had reported to the police the loss of a number of uncut diamonds he kept in his safe. Johnson questioned members of the family house-party—Simeon's sons, George, Alfred, Harry, David; his half-Spanish granddaughter, Pilar; his daughters-in-law; Stephen Farr, son of his former partner, Tressilian, the butler, and Horbury, the valet, told their stories.

When last week's instalment ended Mr. Charlton, solicitor, had read Simeon Lee's will to the family.

HARRY Lee laughed, throwing his head back.

"You'd have liked it better if he'd cut me right out, wouldn't you?" he said to his brother Alfred. "You've always disliked me."

Mr. Charlton coughed. He was used—only too well used—to the painful scenes that succeeded the reading of a will. He was anxious to get away before the usual family quarrel got too well under way.

He murmured: "I think—er—that that is all that I need—er—"

Harry said sharply: "What about Pilar?"

Mr. Charlton coughed again, this time apologetically. "Er—Miss Estravados is not mentioned in the will."

Harry said: "Doesn't she get her mother's share?"

Mr. Charlton explained. "Senora Estravados, if she had lived, would, of course, have received an equal share with the rest of you, but as she is dead, the portion that would have been hers goes back into the estate to be shared out between you."

Pilar said slowly in her rich Southern voice: "Then—I have—nothing?"

Lydia said quickly: "My dear, the family will see to that, of course."

George Lee said: "You will be able to make your home here with Alfred—eh, Alfred? We—er—you are our niece—it is our duty to look after you."

Hilda said: "We shall always be glad to have Pilar with us."

Harry said: "She ought to have her proper share. She ought to have Jennifer's share."

Mr. Charlton murmured: "Must really—er—be going. Goodbye, Mrs. Lee. Anything I can do—er—consult me at any time."

HE escaped quickly. His experience enabled him to predict that all the ingredients for a family row were present.

As the door shut behind him Lydia said in her clear voice: "I agree with Harry. I think Pilar is entitled to a definite share. This will was made many years before Jennifer's death."

"Nonsense," said George. "Very all-pahod and illegal way of thinking, Lydia. The law's the law. We must abide by it."

Magdalene said: "It's hard luck, of course, and we're all very sorry for Pilar, but George is right. As he says, the law is the law."

Lydia got up. She took Pilar by the hand. "My dear," she said, "this is the only grandchild, remember. I must be very unpleasant for you."

Will you please leave us while we discuss the question?"

She led the girl to the door.

"Don't worry, Pilar, dear," she said. "Leave it to me."

Pilar went slowly out of the room. Lydia shut the door behind her and turned back.

There was a moment's pause while every one drew breath, and in another moment the battle was in full swing.

Harry said: "You've always a damned skinflint, George."

George retorted: "At any rate, I've not been a sponge and a rotter!"

"You've been just as much of a sponge as I have! You've batted on father all these years."

"You seem to forget that I hold a responsible and arduous position which—"

Harry said: "Responsible and arduous my foot! You're only an inflated gas-bag!"

Magdalene screamed. "How dare you?"

Hilda's calm voice, slightly raised, said: "Couldn't we just discuss this quietly?"

LYDIA threw her a grateful glance.

David said with sudden violence: "Must we have all this disgraceful fuss over money?"

Magdalene said venomously to him: "It's all very well to be so high-minded. You're not going to refuse your legacy, are you? You want money just as much as the rest of us do! All this unworshipfulness is just a pose!"

David said in a strangled voice: "You think I ought to refuse it? I wonder—"

Hilda said sharply: "Of course you oughtn't. Must we all behave like children? Alfred, you're the head of the family—"

Alfred seemed to wake out of a dream. He said: "I beg your pardon. All of you shouting at once. It—it confuses me."

Lydia said: "As Hilda has just pointed out, why must we behave like greedy children? Let us discuss this thing quietly and sanely and—"

she added this quickly—"one at a time. Alfred shall speak first because he is the eldest. What do you think, Alfred, we should do about Pilar?"

HE said slowly: "She must make her home here, certainly. And we should make her an allowance. I do not see that she has any legal claim to the money which would have gone to her mother. She's not a Lee, remember. She's a Spanish subject."

"No legal claim, no," said Lydia. "But I think she has a moral claim. As I see it, your father, although his daughter had married a Spaniard against his wishes, recognised her to have an equal all-pahod and illegal way of thinking, Lydia. The law's the law. We must abide by it."

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Magdalene jumped when she saw them. She held a small parcel . . . Her eyes were sharp and anxious.

deavour to remedy an injustice that your father himself was preparing to remedy."

Alfred said warmly: "Well put, Lydia! I was wrong. I agree with you that Pilar must be given Jennifer's share of my father's fortune."

Lydia said: "Your turn Harry."

Harry said: "As you know, I agree. I think Lydia has put the case very well, and I'd like to say I admire her for it."

Lydia said: "George?"

George was red in the face. He spluttered. "Certainly not! Whole thing's preposterous! Give her a home and a decent dress allowance. Quite enough for her!"

"Then you refuse to co-operate?" asked Alfred.

"Yes, I do."

"AND he's quite right," said Magdalene. "It's disgraceful to suggest he should do anything of the kind! Considering that George is the only member of the family who has done anything in the world, I think it's a shame his father left him so little!"

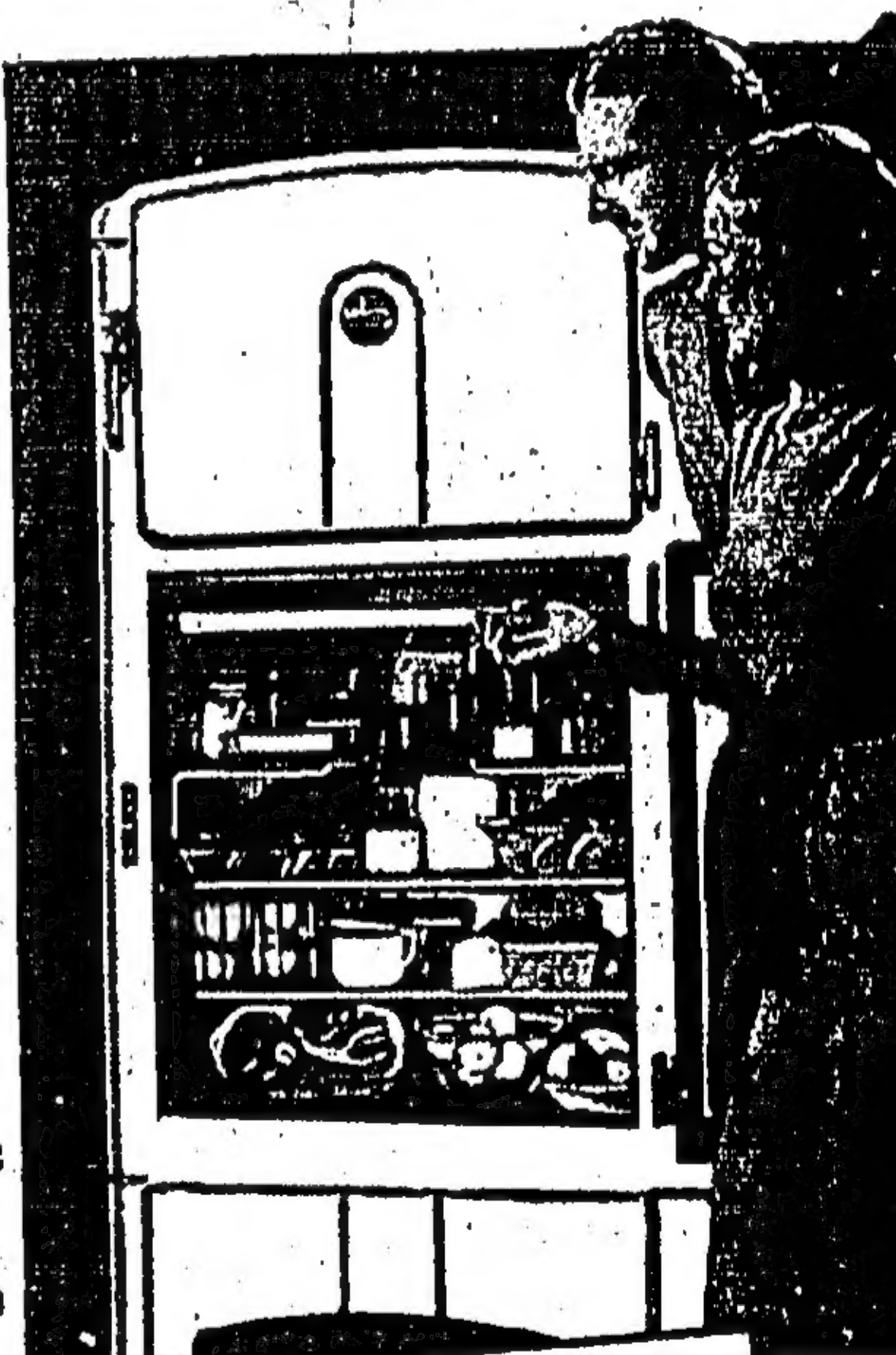
Lydia said: "David?"

David said vaguely: "Oh, I think you're right. It's a pity there's got to be so much (Continued on Page 27)"

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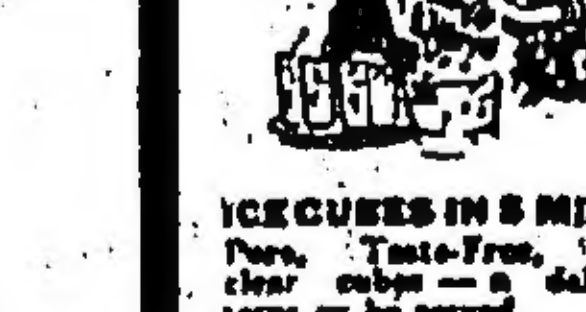
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# No Marriage Is Complete Without Children

THE era of the family seems to be dead, in spite of the fact that so often the large family was the means of cementing happy marriage. To-day it is the exception to find more than a couple of children in a home.

To-day people concentrate too much on self, and the whole problem of having a family, or of indulging in a childless marriage, is influenced by that love of self.

The question asked is "what shall I personally get out of it or lose through it?" Children, they argue, may afford a complication instead of a mutual sharing in the ever enthralling adventure of educating a man or a woman to live life.

I personally feel that we have got this problem all wrong. Undoubtedly marriage was constitutionally organised for the production of children.

Although the childless alliance may seem to be more secure financially and free of worry and anxiety it does not stand the same chance of staying put. Love begets love. The outpouring of affection on a child produces the inflow of affection between the parents, and I believe that this is necessary to all that is the best in wedlock.

If you are a woman you ask yourself, "If I have a child I shall have less time for my husband; will he not feel this badly?" As a man you ask, "If I have a child we shall have to economise in other ways; will that be fair, on my wife?"

I would reply that in having a child you are fulfilling the sweetest of experiences, a vital and fundamental experience, of which it is unfair for either to deprive the other.

Marriage is the rightful herit-

age of every man and woman, but the carrying on of the race is a primitive instinct and one that everybody should satisfy. The difficulties of having "less time" or "greater financial insecurity" are eclipsed by the enormous amount of love that a child brings into this world with it.

Although it may have to fight adverse conditions the more fact

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of being born at all begets for it a love which indeed passeth understanding. It radiates. Birth of the new race is the adult fulfilment of the old race. Without it the old race becomes imperfect.

But having children is not quite enough, for there are some marriages which produce families yet might just as well remain childless for all the fulfilment they derive from their children.

## Murder At Christmas

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ugliness and disputing about it all."

Hilda said: "You're quite right, Lydia. It's only justice!"

Harry looked round. He said: "Well, that's clear. Of the family, Alfred, myself, and David are in favour of the motion, George is against it. The ayes have it."

George said sharply: "There is no question of ayes or noes. My share of my father's estate is mine absolutely. I shall not part with a penny of it."

"No, indeed," said Magdalene. Lydia said sharply:

"If you like to stand out that is your business. The rest of us will make up your share of the total."

She looked round for assent and the others nodded.

Harry said: "Alfred's got the lion's share. He ought to stand most of the racket."

Alfred said: "I see that your original disinterested suggestion will soon break down."

Hilda said firmly: "Don't let's start again! Lydia shall tell Pillar what we've decided. We can settle details later." She added in the hope of making a diversion: "I wonder where Mr. Farr is and M. Poirot?"

Alfred said: "We dropped Poirot in the village on our way to the inquest. He said he had an important purchase to make."

Harry said: "Why didn't he go to the inquest? Surely he ought to have done!"

Lydia said: "Perhaps he knew it was not going to be important. Who's that out there in the garden? Superintendent Sugden or Mr. Farr?"

The efforts of the two women were successful. The family convulsion broke up.

Lydia said to Hilda privately: "Thank you, Hilda. It was nice of you to back me up. You know, you really have been a comfort in all this."

Hilda said thoughtfully: "Queer how money upsets people."

THE others had all left the room. The two women were alone.

Lydia said: "Yes—even Harry—although it was his suggestion! And my poor Alfred—he is so British—he doesn't really like Leo money going to a Spanish subject."

Hilda said smiling: "Do you think we women are more unworried?"

Lydia said with a shrug of her graceful shoulders: "Well, you know—it isn't really our money—not our own! That may make a difference."

Hilda said thoughtfully: "She is a strange child—Pillar. I mean, I wonder what will be come of her?"

Lydia sighed. "I'm glad that she will be independent. To live here, to be given

This is the era of the school. fitted to bring up youngsters than too many of us rob ourselves of stranger teachers. The child needs companions, but he also needs the influence of home, just as his parents need his influence on their marriage.

All his ideals of wedlock are established in the first few years of his little life, when he is constantly brought into contact with the knowledge that his parents are happily married. The parents, as the mass production you do not derive the same satisfaction from him; also you will not make such a success of his upbringing.

The child carries within him some living part of his parents. Because of this it is easier for those parents to understand his actions than for anybody else. It is easier for them to guard him against the leanings into which they themselves may have lapsed and for which they may have suffered.

This system of passing your child out of life into the control of strangers and by so doing making yours a marriage without children is a pernicious one. Conscientious parents are far more

a home and a dress allowance, would not, I think, be very satisfactory to her. She's too proud and, I think, too—too—alien."

She added musingly:

"I once brought some beautiful blue lapis home from Egypt. Out there, against the sun and the sand, it was a glorious colour—a brilliant warm blue. But when I got it home, the blue of it hardly showed any more. It was just a dull darkish string of beads."

Hilda said: "Yes, I see."

Lydia said gently: "I am so glad to come to know you and David at last. I'm glad you both came here."

Hilda sighed: "How often I've wished in the last few days that we hadn't!"

"I know. You must have done.... But you know, Hilda, the shock hasn't affected David nearly as badly as it might have done. I mean he is so sensitive that it might have upset him completely. Actually, since the murder, he's seemed ever so much better."

Hilda looked slightly disturbed. She said:

"So you've noticed that? It's rather dreadful in a way... but oh! Lydia, it's undoubtedly so!"

She was silent a minute recollecting words that her husband had spoken only the night before. He had said to her, eagerly, his fair hair tossed back from his forehead:

"Hilda, you remember in Tosca—when Scarpia is dead and Tosca lights the candles at his head and feet? Do you remember what she says: 'Now I can forgive him'—That is what I feel—about father. I see now that all these years I couldn't forgive him and yet I really wanted to."

But now—now—there's no rancour any more. It's all wiped away. And I feel—oh I feel as though a great load had been lifted from my back."

She had said, striving to fight back a sudden fear: "Because he's dead?"

He had answered quickly, stammering in his eagerness. "No, no, you don't understand. Not because he is dead, but because my childish stupid hate of him is dead."

HILDA thought of those words now. She would have liked to repeat them to the woman at her side, but she felt instinctively that it was wiser not.

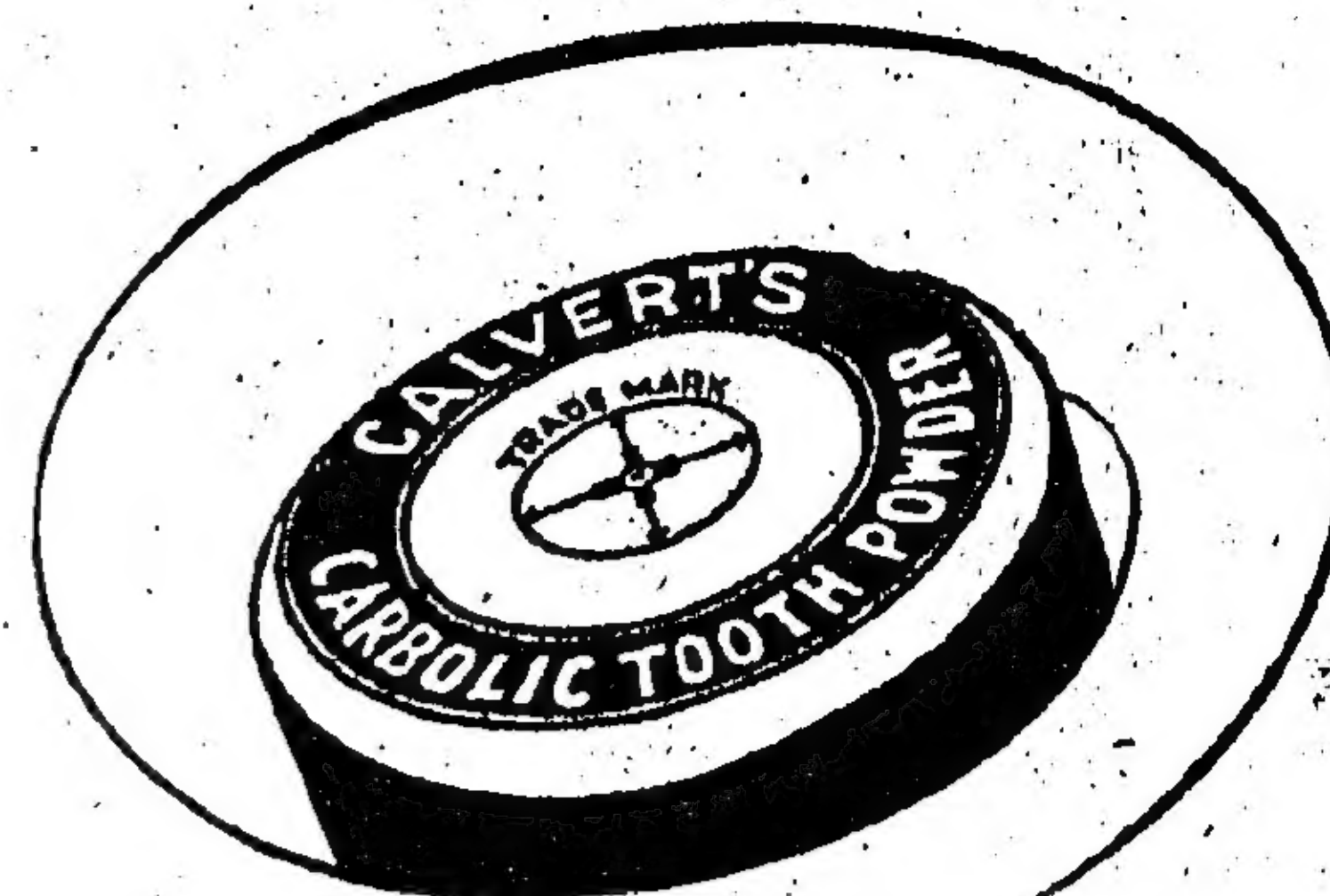
She followed Lydia out of the drawing-room into the hall. Magdalene was there standing by the hall table with a little parcel in her hand. She jumped when she saw them. She said: "Oh, this must be M. Poirot's important purchase. I saw him put it down here just now. I wonder what it is."

She looked from one to the other of them, giggling a little, but her eyes were sharp and anxious, belying the affected gaiety of her words.

Lydia's eyebrows rose. She said: "I must go and wash before lunch."

NEXT WEEK

"Perhaps in time he would have left me all the money."



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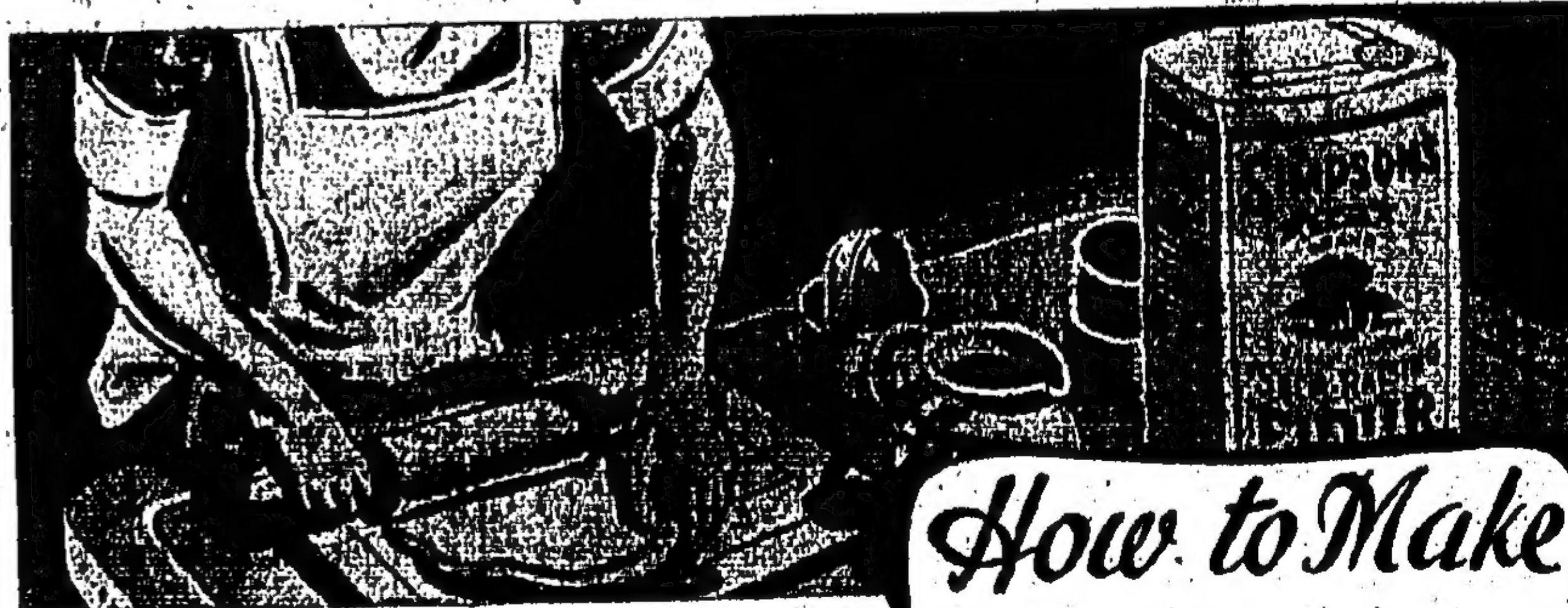
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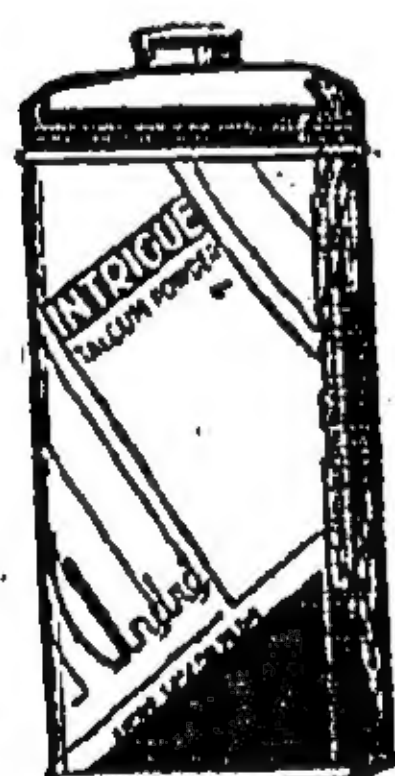
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## TIENTSIN BRITONS SETTLE DOWN TO A LONG FIGHT

Idle Businessmen Reduced To Playing Noughts And Crosses

### Unspoken Question In Some Eyes

Tientsin, Yesterday.

It is learned that the tug sent on Friday by Butterfield and Swire with passengers for the China Navigation Company's s.s. Hunan managed to get down river successfully, being stopped once for a perfunctory examination of documents and luggage.

A leading banker told Reuter to-day that business was dead. There is still some little inter-bank business going on and some exchange operations, but the volume of business as compared with pre-blockade days is virtually nil. The same story was told by an exporter-importer, who, in the words of a local wag, has been reduced to playing noughts and crosses.

On the other hand, a share-broker reports that the local market has gone up, owing to the decline in national currency with good business passing.

Generally speaking, the community has settled down to a determined fight; no spirit of defeatism is in evidence, but the unspoken question can occasionally be seen in some eyes, "how long will it last?"

#### STILL KICKING

Despite the apparently hopeless situation, the spirit of enterprise is very much alive and some indomitable businessmen are casting about for ways and means to defeat the purpose of the blockade which is strangling Tientsin trade.

Mid-June usually sees an exodus of Tientsin's female population with children towards the beaches of Peitaiho in order to escape the dust, grime and heat, but the prevailing conditions, together with the attendant risk of difficulty and indignity, is forcing the majority to remain in town, where children are particularly suffering in view of the fact that the only method of escape — the Race Club and the Country Club — is cut off by the blockade.

#### OFFER TO GERMAN FIRMS

It is learned from unimpeachable authority that the Yokohama Specie Bank has advised German firms wishing to conduct foreign trade operations that it would transact business with them on condition they opened offices outside the foreign concessions and also give a written undertaking not to land imported goods in the foreign areas.

At least one firm is reported to have agreed to accept these terms and to be opening an office in the Native City. — Reuter.

### AMERICAN PRESS WANTS ACTION

New York, Yesterday.

Although there is as yet no question of any joint Anglo-American action in Tientsin, the New York press to-day advocates action by Washington against the Japanese.

The "New York Herald Tribune," for instance, asks the United States Government to break off diplomatic and commercial relations with Japan.

Somewhat more conservative in tone, the "New York Times" points out that if the British are forced to retreat in North China, the retreat of all other foreigners will follow.



Mrs. Bolus (left), whose husband, Lt.-Comm. Bolus, died in the Tientsin tragedy, was one of the heroines who kept up the spirits of anxious relatives who waited anxiously for news from the sunken submarine.

### Outburst Of Papal Diplomatic Activity

WARSAW, YESTERDAY.

THE PAPAL NUNCIO, MONSIGNOR CORTESI, WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT MOSCICKI THIS MORNING.

This was the culminating point in a sudden outburst of Papal diplomatic activity during the last few days.

Monsignor Cortesi had long talks with Colonel Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, on Wednesday and Thursday.

It is understood he placed some form of proposal before Colonel Beck.

It is thought that a new attempt is being made by the Pope, perhaps at the suggestion of Mussolini, to bring about a peaceful settlement of the Germano-Polish dispute. — Reuter.

### AND NOW YOU KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN

Berlin, Yesterday.

"To put right grossly false insinuations" abroad, the "Deutsche Presse," mouthpiece of the Nazi Foreign Office, to-day defines what Germany means by lebensraum (living space).

The journal writes: "Lebensraum does not mean a political sphere but that sphere to which Germany must have permanent access in order that free development and maintenance of the population remains undisturbed." — Reuter.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Japanese-controlled bodies in Tientsin are organising an anti-British campaign and are demanding return of the Tientsin Concession to China. — Trans.

### NETHERLANDS CABINET MAY RESIGN

The Hague, Yesterday.

Differences in the Dutch Cabinet over finance which might make it impossible to continue in office, were mentioned by the Premier, Dr. Colijn, in the Lower House to-day.

The Cabinet is now discussing the 1940 Budget, and Dr. Colijn said: "Only when the discussions are concluded will it be known whether there is sufficient unanimity for it to remain in office."

Replying to a question regarding reasons for the resignation of the Finance Minister, Dr. de Wilde, Dr. Colijn said he had resigned less on account of objections to particular expenditure than on account of his failure to make the necessary countervailing retrenchments. — Reuter.

### BRITON TREATED FAIRLY WELL

Tientsin, Yesterday.

Eric Mayell, the British photographer for Fox Movietone News, declared to-day that he was treated fairly well by the Japanese during his period of detention and that his release was delayed due to the discovery that his film showed spots of live wires surrounding the British Concession.

Mr. Mayell was also made to sign a statement declaring that he was sorry for photographing "unauthorised objects." — Reuter.

London, Yesterday.

Sir Walter Ridsdale, the Director-General of the Territorial Army, is leaving Heston by air for Finland, where he is to make a personal visit to the Finnish Minister of Defence. — Reuter.

### Unique Naval Launching

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

ON AN OCCASION ALMOST UNIQUE IN THE HISTORY OF NAVAL SHIPBUILDING WILL BE LAUNCHED ON JULY 18 WHEN CRUISERS WILL BE LAUNCHED ON THE SAME DAY. GERIA IS TO BE PUT AFT AT WALKER-ON-TYNE, DIDD AT BIRKENHEAD.

Destroyers have sometimes been launched in pairs, and on one occasion three submarines were launched on the same day.

Six cruisers have already been launched since January 1, and total for the year will be 10. Last year only two were launched in 1937, three.

Up to 1936 the official strength for cruisers was raised to 70 cruisers, and no more than 25 are building or authorised to the naval programme of 1936 to 1939.

They are of three classes: 10,000 tons for service on overseas routes, to the small Dido class, for work with the Fleet.

The development of building has its counterpart in rapid progress being made in the development of naval armaments. — British Wireless.

### UNCONSCIOUS HUMOUR

Tientsin, Yesterday.

Some members of the Russian anti-Communist "League of Nations" who were on a trip to the Japanese Consulate in Tientsin, were surprised to find that the ex-German Consulate was being used as a temporary headquarters for the Japanese. — Reuter.

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